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City Police hire former Sheriff's Deputy

► City Council
approves letter of
understanding for
hire of Tim Coe

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

At the request of Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner, the City Council approved a letter of understanding on Monday allowing Schreiner to fill a recently vacated position in his department with Crawford County Corrections Officer Tim Coe, a 27-year law enforcement veteran.

Coe, formerly a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy, will replace Shawn Schnoor, who recently resigned after eight months with the Grayling Police Department.

Schreiner informed the council that after advertising the vacancy, he received two applicants that each had over 20 years of law enforcement experience. After a series of interviews with the two candidates, Schreiner decided to go with Coe.

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TOYS FOR TOTS GETS BOOST

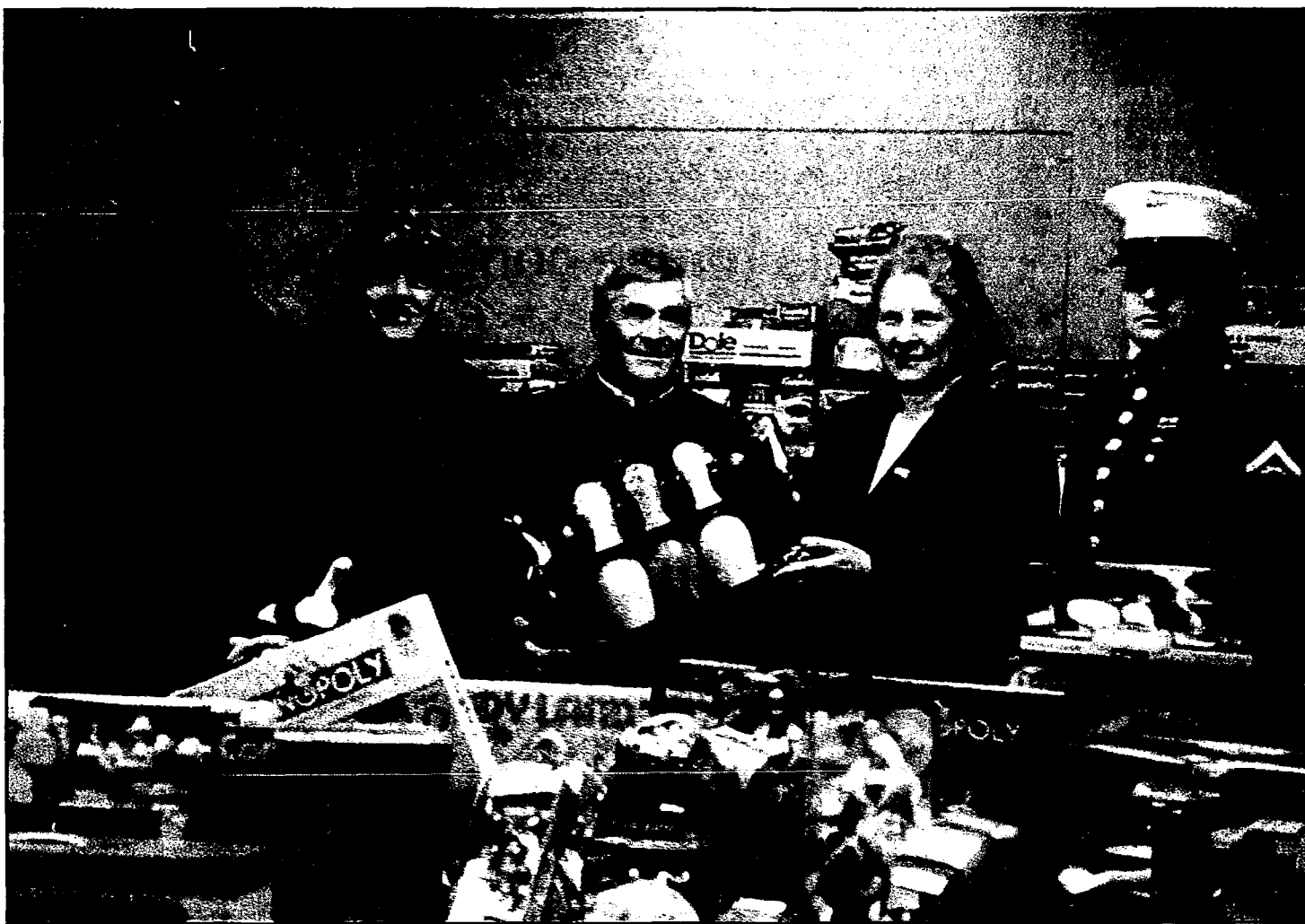


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Last Saturday, Jim Tessadri, Floyd Goodrich and Larry Heath, members of the Canada Creek Motorcycle Touring Club, delivered 50 toys and games to local Toys for Tots coordinator Marianne Gosnell. Lance Corporal Dave Wildfong was also present, representing the Marine Corps. Club members promise more for Crawford County kids next year. See Page 2A for story: "Touring club hopes to bring smiles this Christmas"

First-Class letter rate to increase

The price of mailing a First-Class Mail letter will increase a penny on January 7, 2001, from 33 to 34 cents -- about 15 cents a month for the average household. "And while we're talking cents," says Grayling Postmaster (Jana Tuck) "it makes good sense for customers to purchase 34-cent stamps or one-cent stamps before the new rate takes effect."

"When you're dropping off those holiday cards and packages at the post office, pick up some new rate stamps," advises Postmaster Tuck. One-cent stamps are always available and can also be purchased through lobby vending machines in packets of 50 stamps. New rate 34-cent stamps will be available nationwide December 15 in three stamp designs: Statue of Liberty and Flowers stamps (both sold in books of 20 and coils of 100) and the Farm Flag stamp (sold in a pane of 20 self-adhesives). Vending machines will also stock the new 34-cent stamps.

For customers who prefer the convenience of letting their fingers do the shopping, the 34-cent stamps as well as the one-cent Kestrel stamp can be ordered on the internet through the Postal Store at www.usps.com, through Stamps

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Biocells house contaminated soil

by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

Due to the numerous oil wells in Crawford County, concentrated mainly in Beaver Creek Township, the question has been raised, "What happens to the soil that becomes tainted during the exploration process?" The soil is placed in biocells, of which three are currently housed in Beaver Creek Township. Two were constructed three years ago and the last, just a year ago.

These biocells contain oil and brine contaminated soil, by-products from the petroleum exploration process done by QuickSilver Resources.

According to Jeff Dexter, a senior geologist in the Geological Survey Division of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) these cells are quite common throughout the state and even the country. The cells range in size, the three in Beaver Creek Township are approximately three feet deep and 50' x 30'.

Andrea Sullivan, another senior geologist, said these cells are created to naturally remediate contaminated soil over a period of a six months to two years depending on the amount of dirt and concentration of chemicals. Dexter said, "The whole biocell process isn't cheap, but it is less expensive than hauling the dirt off to a landfill." In a quote from Jerry Weiss, sales

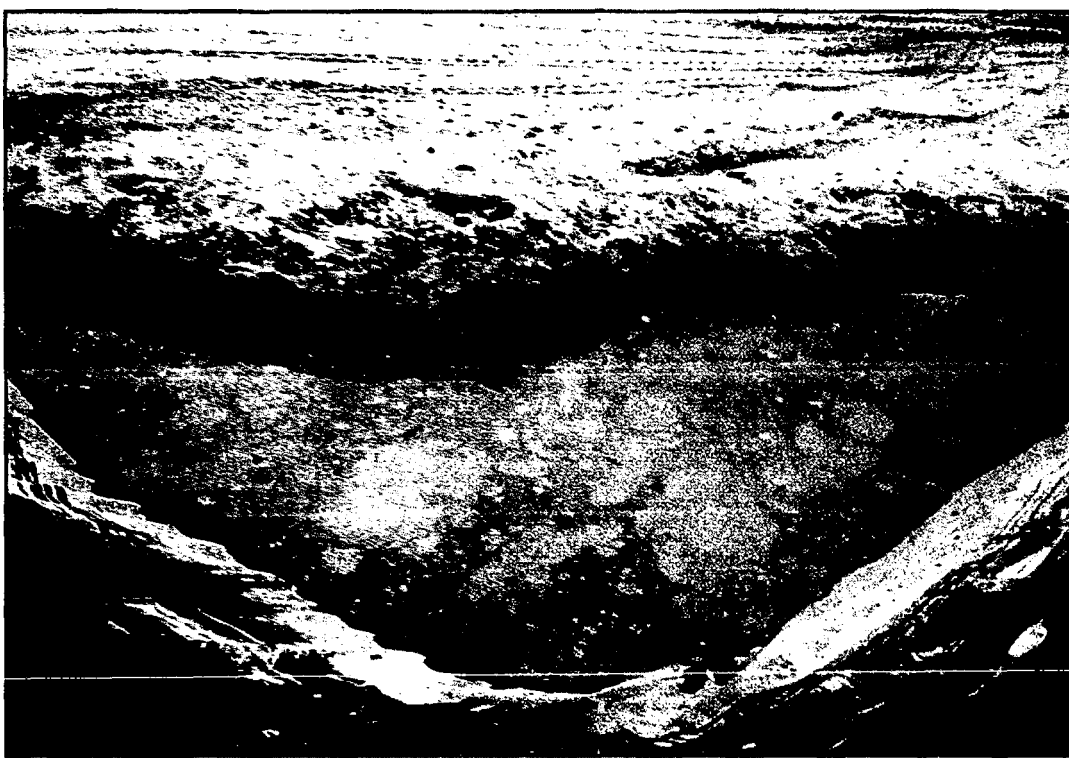


Photo by Danielle McGillis

This oil and brine contaminated water stands unprotected by any type of barrier in the oil fields north of Seven Mile road in Beaver Creek Township. Animal tracks have been observed there and the surrounding area is a common hunting ground.

representative at the Waters Landfill, the cost to dump the contaminated soil from the three biocells, located off Seven Mile Road, would cost approximately \$20,000 and would also take up that much more space at the dump. Weiss commented, "It takes up valuable

airspace at the landfill that could be better used for junk and garbage."

Dexter explained that in order to place a biocell at a specified location, the company has to create a remedial action plan in case of an emergency spill. Then they put

down a thick black liner, similar or the same as would be used at a landfill. The contaminated soil is dumped into the cell and is supposed to be built up on one end so that when it rains or snows the

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Dixie says she'll stay

► Shelter Director
looks to county for
some guidance

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Longtime animal shelter director Dixie Lobsinger has changed her mind. She has decided to stay on as the caretaker of the county's stray and homeless pets at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. She says the work is her whole life.

Lobsinger received a certified letter last week from the Animal Shelter Board thanking her for her "outstanding efforts" for more than a decade and her "absence will be a big loss for the shelter." It also stated the board accepts her resignation, would meet with her on Saturday, December 9 at the shelter, and asked her to have "information and instructions prepared regarding all shelter operations."

Lobsinger responded within 24 hours with a letter of her own stating, "I have changed my mind and I have decided not to resign. Mr. Joyce's letter to the *Avalanche* this week has only reinforced my contention that you people do not belong on the board of the animal shelter I started 9 years ago. Please exercise your supposed right to close the animal shelter down. I'm sure you will become very popular with this community."

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Investigation continues into strange accident

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies were called to the scene of car/tanker truck collision on northbound I-75 early last week, and were prepared for the worst. Fortunately, upon arrival, deputies found no one seriously injured in this strange incident where a passenger car became wedged under a tanker truck, possibly as a result of slippery, winter road conditions.

According to the Sheriff's office, the accident occurred near the 268 mile marker at approximately 1:38 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5.

Rescue units from Frederic Township Volunteer Fire and EMS, along with units from Mobile Medical Response, rushed to the scene, but somehow the occupants of the car were able to climb out of the vehicle and were standing nearby when the first Sheriff's officer arrived. However, the car's passenger was later transported to Mercy Hospital in Grayling for undisclosed injuries.

The car was being driven by John Devlin of Stratford, Ontario, Canada when the collision occurred. The tanker is owned by Wayne Transport of Rosemont,

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Touring club hopes to bring smiles this Christmas

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Last Christmas, the Canada Creek Motorcycle Touring Club was looking to give toys to kids in northern Michigan, but had difficulty finding a distribution point. A few phone calls this year led the club to the Crawford County Toys for Tots program.

"We were totally surprised to hear that a motorcycle group was coming to Grayling to donate to the Crawford area Toys for Tots program," remarked Marianne Gosnell, coordinator of the local collection effort. "This is just fantastic!"

Three members of the Canada Creek group arrived in Grayling at the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center on December 9, bringing with them 50 toys and games for the children of Crawford County. Jim Tessadri, Larry Heath and Floyd Goodrich delivered the toys, while Lance Corporal Dave

Wildfong was on hand representing the Marine Corps, official sponsor of Toys for Tots. Wildfong is currently assigned to the Gaylord recruiting office.

The motorcycle club was formed just six months ago and is attempting to create some positive "PR" with the 1,400 members of the Canada Creek Ranch where motorcycles are not permitted. Canada Creek is a private development and hunt club located about 13 miles north of Atlanta, covering about 16,000 acres and housing both year-round and part-year residents. Members of the club believe showing their charitable side may soften a few opinions on their love of cycling and perhaps reconsider allowing motorcycles onto the ranch.

Tessadri said the group started collecting toys in October after contacting the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots state coordinator and found the Help Center to be the only place to

have a local coordinator in the area. He said the club will start earlier next year and deliver again for Christmas 2001.

This is the second year the Help Center has served as the distribution point for Toys for Tots in Crawford County. Director Gerry Schroeder works closely with Gosnell to coordinate the Help Center's Christmas programs with toy distribution just prior to Christmas. In 1999, more than 300 children benefitted from the local program and more are expected to receive toys this year. All donations made in Crawford County are distributed locally.

Gosnell has 18 collection boxes situated in various local businesses and offices. She said the response has been wonderful, even better than last year and is anxious to distribute the toys personally. "It is a very rewarding experience."

The Toys for Tots program is not just for little ones. It also serves

families with infants, pre-teens and teens. Each year, the program tries to stress that donations for these age groups are needed just as much as with the younger age groups. The community has responded with appropriate gifts and any shortfall has been made up from monetary donations and gift certificates. Gosnell said the only things needed at this point are donations of wrapping paper, tape, tags and bows to help parents wrap up the gifts to be given to their children.

The Help Center and Toys for Tots receives referrals to help foster children and families in need from a number of agencies, local churches, and individuals who know families that need a little help to make their Christmas brighter.

For more information regarding the Help Center programs, including food pantry services and Toys for Tots, or to donate gift wrapping supplies, please call 348-6046.

Biocells house contaminated soil in Beaver Creek

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water produced will seep into the dirt and then run to the low end of

the pile, pulling out the chlorides. Additionally, Sullivan commented that fertilizer and water are mixed to stimulate certain microbes that eat away at the contaminants in the soil.

The company responsible for the biocells is obligated to hire a firm to come out and vacuum the water out of the cell. According to Dexter, the water is introduced back into the injection wells in the oil field, or the water may be dumped into a disposal well that is drilled specifically for exploration purposes. The contaminated water then mixes with the ground water and is pumped back down into the soil. This procedure pressures up the formation and

pushes petroleum towards the pipes, allowing the oil to be pumped faster.

Monitoring wells are placed around these cells to make sure groundwater isn't polluted. There are wells surrounding the site on Seven Mile Road and according to Dexter, the wells have thus far tested clean. Dexter said that after time the company will send in soil samples to the DEQ and upon approval can pull dirt off a foot at a time. Dexter said he often urges companies to take a rototiller to the dirt in order to get more oxygen in the cell, allowing microbes to eat away the contamination at a faster rate.

It takes quite a bit of monitoring

of these facilities by the responsible company and the DEQ to make sure everything is kept to code. Pat Merrill, Crawford County Environmental Monitor commented that "We have excellent field staff in our area from both the DNR and DEQ, but often times they are spread very thin. Because they cannot possibly be aware of everything, it is important that the general public notify someone when they see something that appears to be detrimental to the environment. When I receive calls on something such as this, I follow up with a site visit, then pass along the information to the appropriate entity."

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Minnesota and was being driven by Adrian Perkio of Britt, Minnesota.

The truck was hauling a tanker trailer containing resin used in wood processing. No resin leaked

out into the environment as a result of the accident, however; law enforcement closed the highway for about 90 minutes to investigate and clear the wreckage.

The accident remains under investigation.

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Fire victims lost almost everything, need help

Last week, the *Avalanche* featured a story titled, "Fire nearly destroys home." This week, friends and family members of the owners are asking the community to help the fire victims at this time of loss.

Donations of household items are needed by Leroy and Linda Wales, as well as their daughter, Holly. They have pretty much lost everything they own to the fire that occurred on November 29.

A partial list of the family's needs include: two beds (preferably queen-size), two dressers, a couch, recliner, dinette with chairs, blankets, comforters, clothing, kitchen supplies, utensils, dishes, pots and pans, can opener, toaster, towels, end tables, coffee table, linens.

Neighbors of the Wales family have offered the use of their telephone as a contact number for anyone who has anything to donate.

Please call Ted and Brenda Gerow at (517) 344-2071 to offer a donation.

Dixie says she'll stay

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No response was given to Lobsinger's letter and four members of the board arrived at the shelter on Saturday only to find the gates locked and driveway blocked by vehicles owned by shelter volunteers and members of Lobsinger's family.

The animal shelter board has been advertising for a new director after Lobsinger made clear she would resign if the entire board didn't leave. Within the past two weeks, Joe Porter resigned from the board, as confirmed by Crawford County Board Chair Lynnette Corlew who said Porter visited her home earlier this month and they discussed his resignation.

In a letter to the editor this week (See Page 4A), Lobsinger explains the history of how the shelter came under her control and states it is up to the community now to let it be known how they feel about her as the caretaker of the shelter. She also writes about what has happened to the non-profit group she started as well as the money she raised over the years.

The County Board is waiting for County Prosecutor John Huss to give an opinion on whether the commissioners have or should have some authority over the shelter board because the non-profit group receives county revenue (80% of the dog license fees taken in annually) for operational purposes.

When asked how the shelter board plans to pay a new part time

director when the shelter only received county money amounting to \$8,316 in 1999, shelter board vice president Ward Parker said on December 6 her board hadn't decided how much to pay the new director or how the money would be raised to pay the new director.

Before his reported resignation, Porter said the board was considering selling memberships as a means to raise funds. In a letter written to Corlew, (which invites her to share the information with whomever she believes would be interested) shelter board treasurer Ron Joyce stated, in part, "I attempted to point out to Paul Compo that the shelter is located on County-owned property and that in order for it to continue as a viable shelter that financial support from the County and/or the townships and city will probably be required -- funds greater than the dog license share and the amounts proposed by the County."

Joyce continued, "I can't even give an approximation of the amount at this time because I have not been on the scene long enough, nor have I had a chance to work with anyone to determine the maintenance, salaries, changes, etc. that will be required. One thing is relatively certain, it will be necessary to pay a reasonable wage to a new manager." In the last three years, the shelter board has raised about \$21,000. In Joyce's own words, "At the rate funds are being raised... it will take years to acquire the funds necessary to build a new shelter.

The present shelter will have to be maintained, and hopefully managed by a different individual during this time."

Joyce also refers to the present shelter as a "rathole" and that the present board is reluctant to pour any significant money into the present "disaster" beyond painting and cleaning. No improvements, repairs or maintenance have been accomplished at the existing shelter in the past three years though efforts made by the shelter board.

The county attempted to close the shelter at the end of 1991. Budget cuts eliminated the county-run shelter and Lobsinger was told her part time animal control position had been eliminated due to lack of funds. The County Board accepted a proposal presented by Dixie to run the shelter as a volunteer director and persuaded friends to form the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, who would raise funds for shelter needs. The shelter never closed.

Lobsinger's letter also publicly demands the shelter board "resign, dissolve, and/or create their own board to build a new animal shelter" and "restore the funds and pertinent documents to the animal shelter. Keep what you rightfully have raised."

Lobsinger has asked to be placed on the agenda of the December 14 County Board Committee meetings hopefully to resolve the issue of who is actually contracted by the County to care for county animals.

City Police hire former Sheriff's Deputy

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sented for the council's consideration. Chief Schreiner asked that due to Coe's extensive law enforcement background, the one year probationary period be shortened to six and a half months, to the end of the city's current fiscal year (June 30, 2001). Coe would start out at base pay, and at the end of the fiscal year he would

then be eligible for an increase in pay, budget circumstances permitting, Schreiner said.

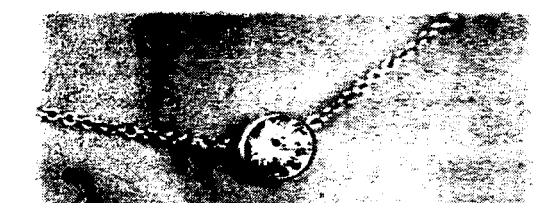
"This would treat him in a manner that I feel is much more consistent with someone of his experience," Chief Schreiner said. "I see no need for a one-year probationary period."

"I think Tim will be a wonderful asset to Grayling Police

Department," Mayor Marilyn Palmer said, but she expressed reservations with regard to the probationary period exception.

Palmer was concerned that shortening the probation period may set an unwanted precedent and could be seen as unfair to those city employees that have had to complete full-length probationary periods.

Councilman Brian Banda moved to approve the letter of understanding with the stipulation that if at the end of the fiscal year more than one step of a pay increase was planned for Coe, the issue must be brought to the City Council for approval. D.J. Brown seconded the motion, and it passed 3-2. Palmer and Councilman Dave Wyman voted "no."

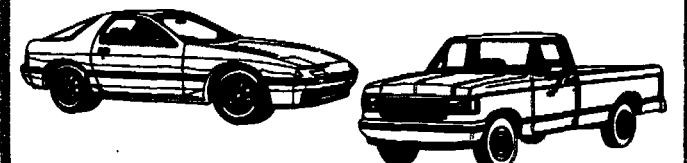


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OPINIONS

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Editor" on Page 7A.



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Will higher pay produce better laws?

THE MICHIGAN Legislature is back in session this week, tying up loose ends on the lawmaking year. Leftovers such as hunting mourning doves and other matters of importance to some folks but not with earth-shattering significance, such as taxes or budget items.

Why the legislature stretches out its work to a December windup is questionable in the first place, but that's a topic for pondering at another time in another column.

Perhaps it's part of an effort to justify the high salaries Michigan taxpayers pay their legislators -- currently fourth in the nation at \$56,981 a year in base pay, plus expenses.

Our lawmakers must not be very good at their job, because a bi-partisan citizen group wants to raise the pay level by more than a third, up to almost \$80,000 a year.

The stated reason: To attract better candidates for the legislature, which must mean that the ones who have been running the lawmaking business in Michigan for the last

several years must be pretty lousy at it.

If I were a legislator, I'd be insulted. I'd tell the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC) to shove their pay raises in the trash.

But I'll bet it won't happen that way.

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LEGISLATORS ARE not the only beneficiaries of SOCC generosity. Under Michigan's constitution, the SOCC every two years sets salaries for the governor, lieutenant governor, supreme court justices, and legislators.

Whatever the SOCC recommends becomes effective, unless the legislature rejects the package by a super majority. It would take a two-thirds vote in each chamber to turn it down.

Chances of rejection are very slim.

It's happened only once since a constitutional amendment taking the pay-setting duty away from the legislature and creating a citizen panel to set pay was proposed by

the legislature and approved by voters in 1968.

For 32 years now, the SOCC always has proposed pay raises. One of the usual reasons each time has been to attract better people into public service by paying them more.

The millenium version of SOCC apparently feels it hasn't worked yet.

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FOR THE RECORD, here's the two-step pay chart, which will become law unless the legislature turns it down:

Governor: Current \$151,245. Next year \$172,000, then \$177,000.

Lieutenant Governor: Current \$100,671, up to \$120,400, then \$123,900.

Supreme Court: Current \$140,816, up to \$159,960, then \$164,410.

Legislators: Current \$56,981, up to \$77,400, then \$79,650.

In addition, the governor would receive \$60,000 expense allowance, Lieutenant

governor \$20,000 and each legislator \$12,000. The legislative package also includes extra pay for committee chairs and other legislative leaders.

When pay goes up, so do pensions, which is another attractive consideration for governors, judges and lawmakers. All in all, public service at the state level pays pretty darn well in Michigan.

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THIS SYSTEM of isolated pay increases is designed to protect the legislature from one of the most unpleasant jobs in the business -- setting pay levels, including its own.

Many cities and other local units of government have followed the state's lead and set up their own local commissions for pay-setting purposes. Most of these, however, are advisory only.

With the SOCC, the lawmakers are protected from direct responsibility, and from direct criticism for setting pay.

The system also deprives the taxpayer

from direct control. Nobody votes for the SOCC. The governor appoints the six-member body, with no more than three from one party.

All the decision makers like the system, but it's bad for the public. Maybe it's time to amend the constitution again, hand the duty of setting pay for public officials back where it belongs -- with the elected lawmakers who must act in public and where the public which elected them can breathe down their necks.

If we keep raising legislative pay, maybe we'll get a legislature with enough backbone to do away with the SOCC and go back to setting pay levels directly, which is the way it ought to be.

How much will it cost to get lawmakers like that?

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Dixie offers a little shelter history

To the editor,

Perhaps it's time for me to give Mr. Joyce and some of the members of our community a history lesson.

I came to the shelter in 1987. In October 1991, Bum Hatfield, who was then sheriff, phoned to tell me that my part time animal control job would be terminated and the animal shelter would be closed January 1, 1992. I knew we could live without animal control, but the animals could not live without a shelter. Irene Pettyjohn, reporter to the *Avalanche*, and a friend, told me to do something about it. I set about to keep the animal shelter open.

I approached the county board about the possibility and was told to put a proposal together. I did. I enlisted a couple of friends and a proposal was presented to the commissioners. It was accepted and I signed a contract with the county. I took over the operation of the shelter in December 1991. It ran under the umbrella of CCFA (Crawford County Friends of Animals). A board was selected and the shelter became its own non-profit entity in 1992. My signature was on every scrap of paper that started the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

Over the years, I have fought for the elderly to keep their pets when they had to move to senior housing, taught your children how not to be bitten, taught obedience classes, sent our homeless pets to leader dog school, brought you low cost vaccinations and spayings/neutering.

I have waded through waist-high snow when your pets were injured at all hours of the day and night. I have helped you with behavior modification when your pets started

misbehaving. I don't believe I have ever been rude to any of you when you called my home, no matter how late it was. It has always been important to me.

Unlike the people on the shelter board, this has not been my "hobby." I have helped you get your pets fixed when they have been sick or injured and you could not afford it. I have been happy to do these things.

I don't help you with spaying and neutering and vaccinations because I want to harm the local vets. They help me. Dr. Casler is a kind, gentle man. Just watch him handle an animal some day. Recently, I got to see his people gentleness when a mutual friend of ours was dying. I know why Karen loves him so. I know why our friends adored him.

But, I have been to your homes. I know many of your pets eat before you do... often. I know many of you can't afford new shoes for your kids, but that doesn't mean you don't love them. Not being able to afford veterinary care for your animals doesn't mean you don't love them, either. You just need a little help.

When Crawford County was going to close the animal shelter because it was a financial burden, I kept it open. I managed to save money and give you all of the above services and more.

Many volunteers have come and gone over the years. All had good intentions. It's hard work and very often depressing. They have all been a big help. Those who have stayed have been invaluable.

This takeover started three years ago. I was just pushed aside and treated very badly. Finally, I quit

going to their meetings because I could not take it. In 1999 I quit giving them reports because that seemed to bother them. I asked the board to please just go and work on building a new shelter and leave me alone. I was never involved in the building project. They refused. I told Nancy Lemmen if they made Joe Porter president, I would have to quit. They elected Joe president. I asked for their resignations, Dr. Mesack resigned.

In July, when Mr. Joyce came on the board, I had already issued the ultimatum. I do not know the man. I met him once and did not feel like this was his business then, nor is it now. I would not know him if I passed him on the street. He chose to attack me. How can someone become so knowledgeable in such a short time?

Recently I sat at a commissioners' meeting when they were discussing a shelter issue. It was like I was not there. The chairman of the board said, "I trust you will contact the appropriate people." Who could be more appropriate than the person who started the shelter, has saved the county hundreds of thousands of dollars, and has worked very hard at it for 13 years?

Taking control of the money was only the last step in a plan to usurp me and turn me into nothing more than an over-glorified crap shoveller. They had been very effective, believe me. I have cried about this for three years. I have allowed this animal thing to become my whole life. They have threatened my existence and I have fought back.

I love what I do. Every animal that comes to the shelter is fed well, watered daily, and loved. I love each of them until they reach their final destination, whatever it may be. I'm good at what I do -- the animals know that. The board members have never mourned even one animal's death at the animal shelter; I mourn them all.

Over the last 13 years I have been bitten many times by some people and politicians of Crawford County;

only three times by the animals, they never meant to hurt me. I'm not so sure about the people.

Those of you who have been around know what great strides have been made in the last nine years. In the old days, we killed pregnant dogs. I cannot stand that, so they get to have their babies and raise them, but mom was almost always put to death. Now, females are spayed after their mom job is done and they find homes.

In the last two years, I have had four days off that were not animal related. This job does not stop when I go home. I do need some help, but not a takeover.

I will not gratify Mr. Joyce by trying to reply to his letter. He doesn't deserve it. I have a very long track record here. However, I was never informed of a discrepancy. Had Mr. Porter and Mr. Joyce not taken over and told the accountant not to talk to me, we would have figured it out; we always have.

I did not want this to become a peeing contest, where two dogs keep wetting on the same spot, over and over, trying to claim it. The shelter is mine. It is marked with my blood, sweat and a lot of tears. They will never be able to cover that up.

I sent the shelter board a letter stating that I have decided not to resign. In the letter I also invited them to exercise their supposed right to close the shelter. I have done all I can, the rest is up to this community. You will have to decide who stays and who goes now.

As I am the one who put the Articles of Incorporation and 501(c)3 into effect, I am publicly demanding that the animal shelter board resign, dissolve, and/or create their own board to build a new animal shelter (if that is what they desire). Restore the funds and pertinent documents to the animal shelter. Keep what you rightfully have raised.

Dixie Lobsinger
Animal Shelter Director
Grayling

It'd be a pity to lose Dixie

To the editor,

As a groomer and animal lover myself, I believe what is happening at the Animal Shelter is not in the best interest of the unwanted animals of our community. They are not just unwanted, the animals come to Dixie Lobsinger very sick, pregnant, abused, unloved and/or dying. What a pity it would be to lose

such a devoted, kind-hearted, and hardworking person as Dixie Lobsinger.

I say pay her the salary, 'cause she'll end up just giving it back to the shelter anyway.

Janet Ledger
Northern Tails
Grayling

It was not 'the rest of the story'

To the editor,

I would like to respond to Mr. Ron Joyce's letter. First, I think the title was incorrect. It was not "the rest of the story," it was your version of the story.

Second, I take great exception to your use of the word "deplorable." I volunteer at the shelter and basically my job is to rake the yard, as well as feed and water the outside animals when I am there. The shelter may be cluttered and over-crowded with lack of room for inside and outside storage... and, yes, we would all agree that we need a new shelter, but "deplorable" (meaning to feel or express deep grief or regret deeply)? Mr. Joyce, how many times have you actually been to the shelter?

I also feel the major issue between the Animal Shelter of Crawford County (ASCC) Board and Dixie is control of \$43,000 which Dixie has managed to save and invest and which the Board, by hook or crook, has managed to take possession of. (None of the

current Board members' names were on the original signature cards.)

I personally asked Dixie what she had planned to do with those funds (which is quite an accomplishment with limited funding for the shelter and efforts that were being made to provide shelter for dogs and cats, vaccinations, neutering and spaying) to which she commented she had originally started saving money so that in the event the shelter ever found itself in a situation where there was no funding, there would be money to run the shelter for a year.

So, readers, if you see in the paper that the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board has suddenly raised \$43,000+ for a new building, realize that it was through the saving and investing of Dixie Lobsinger and not because of the efforts of the ASCC Board.

Judy Sumner
Animal Shelter Volunteer
Grayling

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Early Deadlines for the Holidays!

The Crawford County Avalanche office will be closed on Christmas, Monday, December 25th and reopen at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 26th.

Deadlines to be included in the December 28th issue are:

Display ads - Thursday, Dec. 21st at 5 p.m.

News- Friday, Dec. 22nd at noon

Classified word ads- Tuesday, Dec. 26th at noon.

Our office will also be closed on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st and reopen 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Deadlines to be included in the January 4, 2001 issue are:

Display ads- Thursday, Dec. 28th at 5 p.m.

News- Friday, Dec. 29th at noon

Classified word ads- Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, at noon.

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BRIEFS

Senior Center plans Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be served at the Commission on Aging's Senior Center Tuesday, December 19 at noon and again at 5 p.m. A satellite dinner, including some fun, will be served on Friday, December 15 at the Lovells Township Hall at noon. To make reservations for either of these events, call the Center at 348-7123. Also, on Wednesday, December 27 the Senior Center will be showing "Jack Frost" with Michael Keaton. Movie and popcorn are free of charge.

Grayling Lions Lucky 13 winner drawn

Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 winner is Rick Reed.

2001 Rotary Calendars still on sale

Anyone who wishes to purchase a \$25 Rotary Calendar for the year 2001 may call 348-3027 for information. Rotary Calendar winners of \$50 each for the month of November 2000 are Barbara McNamara and Don Smock.

Winter Fun Days Logo contest begins

The Cedar Motel and Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a county-wide contest to find a design for the official "Winter Fun Days" button. The winner will receive a \$50 savings bond. To enter the design should have a winter fun theme like skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, sledding, etc. and contain the words "Winter Fun Days 2001" and Grayling, MI somewhere in the design. Include name, address, phone number with entry and submit by 5 p.m. on January 5, 2001 to: Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 406, Grayling, MI 49738.

Moose host Children's Christmas Party

Grayling Moose Lodge #1162 will host a Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The party is for children up to the age of 7 years. Santa will be there and photos with him will be available. There is no charge for the first photo; extras may be purchased for \$1 each. The Moose Lodge is located at 7970 S. Grayling Road. For more information call Carol Rodden at (517) 821-4059.

Eagles Auxiliary hosts Christmas Bingo

Grayling Eagles Auxiliary will be hosting their Christmas Bingo Set Up Party on December 17 at 1:30 p.m. The Auxiliary would like to remind everyone there will be no Bingo on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve so everyone can spend the holidays with their families.

Presenting 'A Season for All Things'

Unity Center of Gaylord will present the service, "A Season for All Things" at its 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Guest Speaker will be Terry Dickinson. "In Unity, we are often inspired to be all that we can be; to never be satisfied with the commonplace; to set ever higher goals and never tire of reaching for more. While this is important, it is also necessary to balance this striving with time for sunsets and roses. For all things there is a season. Finding that balance is essential to happiness, both our own and that of those around us." The Unity Center is located in the Otsego Township Hall in Waters. For more information, call (517) 786-3913.

Help Center gratefully overflowing

Crawford County Community Christian Help Center Director Gerry Schroeder said the community has responded to replenishing the food pantry in such a fantastic way that she is asking that any further donations, individual and from drives, be held until after the holidays. "While we don't want to seem ungrateful and the food will surely be distributed to the needy in the area, we simply are out of space until after we distribute toys and food through our Christmas programs," Schroeder said. Any questions about the Help Center pantry should be directed to Schroeder at 348-6046.

Church to present Christmas program

Heritage Baptist Church is presenting the Christmas cantata entitled, "The Greatest Gift" on Sunday evening, December 17 at 6 p.m. This is a reader's theatre-style production. The public is welcome to attend. Heritage Baptist Church is located on Hartwick Pines Road, north of the city of Grayling.

Key Club hosts annual Pancake Dinner

The Grayling High School Key Club will hold its annual Pancake Dinner on December 20, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Shoppenagon's Inn. Cost is \$5 for all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage. Everyone is invited to attend and help support the Key Club with their many community service projects.

Alumni to gather for 'Meet the Grads'

On Friday, December 22, Grayling High School will host the traditional "Meet the Grads Day" in the library.

To those unfamiliar with the ceremony, "Meet the Grads" is a unique opportunity for recent alumni of GHS to present their experiences concerning continued education for current juniors and seniors.

Persons who have enrolled in colleges or universities, students of

technical or vocational schools, and members of the armed services are all welcome to partake in the event by sharing their feelings about the transfer from GHS to other educational positions.

This reception will be held in the GHS library from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All former graduates presently seeking post secondary education are cordially invited to attend.

This event is hosted by the AuSable Chapter of the National Honor Society, with the assistance of the Counseling Department. All persons currently involved in continued education are encouraged to attend the annual presentation of this event.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 50 complaints the week of December 3-December 9:

Six false alarms, one assault, four assists to other departments, five city ordinance violations, one civil complaint, one domestic, six larcenies, one motorist assist, one private property accident, four traffic accidents, one civil infraction citation, one misdemeanor citation, and 18 unclassified complaints. Two traffic warnings were also issued.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during the week of December 13-19:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located North of County Rd. 612, East of Guthrie Lake, South of Old State Rd. 618, and West of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Bombing and strafing firing conducted.

For more information regarding range firing, call 1-800-628-5820.

Deputies' tree sale continues



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Crawford County Corrections Officer George Borger manned the Christmas tree lot last Saturday, helping raise money for the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association's "Cops for Kids" program. The sale continues this weekend, Friday-Sunday, in the KMart parking lot. Prices range from \$10-\$25.

Santa to make final stop in Frederic before heading north

Santa Claus will be making a final stop in Frederic on Sunday, December 17 before heading back to the North Pole to prepare for his big night.

Santa said he wants to make sure to talk with every boy and girl in Crawford County and is making a special stop in the Frederic Township Park, from 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. this coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome to come a give Santa any last minute requests or to just say

"Hello."

The jolly old elf plans to meet with children in the park gazebo, so everyone should dress warm and parents should bring their cameras. In case the weather is even too cold for Santa, visits will move inside the fire department building. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Any questions about Santa's visit may be directed to Sandy at 344-8084.

Kaliseum presents Holiday Ice Show

Kaliseum Recreation Complex is host for a Holiday Ice Show on Sunday, December 17 at 5 p.m.

The show will be a festive combination of figure skaters, synchronized skating teams, hockey programs, beautiful music, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

The Figure Skating program includes both individualized skaters and the synchronized teams.

The two Northern Lights synchronized youth and teen skating teams. Individual skaters, including local champions, national and state competitors, will also perform.

The Northwinds Brass quintet will be on hand. The group has performed in the Grand Traverse region for the past 10 years to a variety of

audiences and will perform a short, lively concert of holiday and traditional brass music.

The music will be followed by a hockey program that includes an introduction of House Leagues, Comp Mites, Pee Wee, Squirt, and the Ladies Hockey League.

And what would a holiday show be without old great St. Nick? Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be arriving on the Zamboni sometime during the evening.

Door prizes will be given throughout the show. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 years. For further information, call the Kaliseum at (231) 258-5913.

Digital photography class -- just in time for the holidays

Kirtland's Community College Continuing Education Program will offer a unique three-hour Holiday Digital Photography Class to help you create pictures for the holidays.

Especially designed for people who have pictures to share with their families and friends, students will explore computers, learn how scanners and digital cameras work, how to transfer digital photos to a computer, and how to use Photo Software and place photos on the Internet.

The course, taught by Clay Horton, will be offered twice from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, December 18 and Friday, January 12, 2001. Cost is \$29.95. You can bring your own digital camera or use one of those provided by the course. Persons interested in enrolling should contact Horton at (517) 275-5000, ext. 396.



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WEEKLY SERVICES AND MEETINGS:

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	Sunday school	10:00
	morning service	11:00
	evening service	6:00
Monday:	prayer meeting	7:00
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The Bible Speaks

A Nation Divided

History records the words of former president Abraham Lincoln. "A nation divided against itself cannot stand." Lincoln was paraphrasing the words of Jesus Christ to persuade the American people that unity was the only hope for a nation facing the division of a bloody civil war. Here are the words of Jesus Christ in Mark 3:24-25: "And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." Lincoln rightly quoted our Lord Jesus Christ to warn our forefathers that division destroys families and nations.

All of us who have followed the recent presidential election have been awed by the sharp cultural divisions which challenge America's future. Observing the brilliant pictures of our nation on television, we have seen the massive rural heartland in stark contrast with east and west coasts, and the northern large cities of America. Our nation is sharply divided over the size and role of government; over gender issues; over racial issues; over abortion; over guns; over sodomy, and over religion. The moral issues which divided our forefathers before the Civil War were not nearly as many as those which divide us now.

One side is trusting in more government power and property control. The

other side is striving to preserve basic Constitutional rights such as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. National unity will not be restored by the executive, legislative or judicial branches of any government. Neither will national unity be restored by the success of any political party. The successful defense of unalienable rights will logically be determined by either spiritual revival or civil revolution. People of convictions will have difficulty compromising the U.S. Constitution, the Bible, or their weapons of defense.

The only real hope for America today is a spiritual revival of Biblical Christianity. This comes not by politics, but by preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to every creature like Christ commanded us to do. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) It is the heart of people which must be changed, not their political party, view of government, gender, race, lifestyle, weapons, etc. Only Jesus Christ can create a new person from the inside out.

If you really want to change America turn your heart and life over to Jesus Christ. Attend a Bible believing church and encourage your family and friends to join you there. God promised in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which

are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Just as Abraham Lincoln found the wisdom to challenge America by quoting our Lord Jesus Christ, may we find in Christ the same wisdom and courage to challenge America today. Your effort in this matter may save your nation, your family, and your own future. No generation in American history has had a greater opportunity to shape the future of this nation. No generation has risked the loss of more than we risk today if we fail. This Christmas season is a great time to start doing right toward your God, your family, your nation, and yourself. Only "One nation under God" can restore our unity.

Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy. Join us in a verse by verse study of the book of Revelation each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

U-M Library showcases history of the Bible

From ancient manuscripts to early printed books, the history of the Bible's text spans nations, peoples and languages. This history is the showcase of "From Papyri of King James: The Evolution of the English Bible," an exhibit prepared by the Special Collections Library at the University of Michigan, running through January 31.

Bibles and other religious works dating to the year 119, including the earliest known copy of the letters of St. Paul, demonstrate the evolution of works on papyrus, parchment, and paper that led to the English translation of 1611 known as the King James Bible.

Fragments on papyri from Deuteronomy and Matthew, portions from several of the letters of Paul, and writings of early church leaders such as Melito, the Bishop of Sardis; and Hermas of Rome are

(Right) This illustration comes from the Bishop's Bible (London, 1574). In the original, it appears at the beginning of the Gospel of Luke.



part of the exhibit. Also included are medieval versions of Jerome's Latin translation of the Bible of 404, first appearances in print of the Greek and Latin biblical texts, and early translations into English.

Many of the Bibles on display are opened to the same passage, providing an opportunity to compare translations and to observe developments in language, handwriting, and type designs.

The exhibit illustrates the development of the codex and presents a brief study of 16th-century English political history through the inclusions of the Tyndale, Coverdale, Geneva, Douay, Great and Bishop's Bibles.

The exhibit is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday on the seventh floor of the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library on U-M's Central Campus. (The exhibit and the

Library will be closed December 23 to January 1.) Guided group tours are available by arranging an appointment. To do so, call (734) 764-9377. Admission is free.

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We don't have to be on ice skates to experience that sinking sensation known as "skating on thin ice." Possibly your emotional situation is upsetting, or perhaps it is that common phenomenon known as "living from paycheck to paycheck." In any event, when we live from day to day feeling sure that our future is becoming

increasingly uncertain we must act. We can move in the direction of dependable support as we cry for help.

In Psalm 28:6, David praises God as he proclaims, "Blessed be the Lord, for He hath heard the voice of my supplications." We are also assured in 1 Tim. 4:4, "Every creature of the Lord is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving."

When you feel you are "skating on thin ice," call upon the Lord. Start by worshipping Him each Sabbath with faith and thanksgiving. God will help with what lies ahead.



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EDITOR

A daughter speaks of her mother's love

To the editor,

After reading the article in the November 22 issue of the *Avalanche* pertaining to the resignation of my mother, I was very disturbed. For the last 13 years, my mother has worked at the shelter hours and hours, only to come home and have to go back out because someone in this community needed her help. Did she ask for anything in return? "No." That is the answer.

She was there when the people of this community needed help, whether for support because you lost a loved one, or because you were too busy to take care of your pets. She has gotten us low cost spay and neutering clinics; she has gotten us shot clinics, so we all may afford to keep our pets.

Dixie has run the animal shelter for many years without pay. No bonus checks. No "thank you" from the shelter board. Now the shelter board feels they can pay someone to run the shelter! What is this?

No help from the shelter board, with the exception of Nancy Lemmen. Yes, I have done the laundry and it is a big task, yet I never left bags to be washed another day. Many times I have mowed the lawn or weed-whipped along the fence, raked dog poop, helped feed and water the animals there, and gone on many a midnight rendezvous... and where was the shelter board during these events?

A woman who sacrificed all that

she has... maybe to the shelter board she is a nobody, but to me she is a saint and I believe all the animals at the shelter would agree with me.

I am thankful for all the volunteers who have helped my mother. God knows she couldn't do all of the work by herself. And, speaking of volunteers... where have the "good people" of the board been when the work has to be done? When have they been there to rake dog poop, cut the grass, choose what animal's turn it is to go and euthanize them? Being a volunteer is not something someone asks you to do; you take it upon yourself to do the things that need to be done.

Volunteering at the shelter is more than just cleaning and feeding the animals. You stop to pet that dog you just fed. Days go by and you learn to love that dog. And, then that day comes when Dixie has to choose who stays and goes. That is a heart-wrenching experience. It's a feeling of emptiness just as if you had just lost someone special to you.

To the quote Nancy Lemmen made about being there for the animals: That is a phrase to try to hide behind. How have you been there helping the animals? Are you helping the animals by pushing the only person out that truly loves animals? Are you helping the animals by getting rid of the person who has gotten this community low cost spay and neuter clinics, low cost shot clinics, and the person who pulls quills or

offers support to pet owners when they can't afford to go to the vets? Could you please explain to me how you are helping the animals? My mother has lowered the puppy and kitten population by the actions she has taken.

To Dr. Mesack's quote in the paper: Yes, getting those shots a day later can be harmful. After a three-day ride in a delivery truck, then to sit another day is taking the risk of those shots not working correctly because they might get warm. Yes, the vaccinations must be kept cold or they will not do the proper job -- the point my mother was trying to make in the first place. It was not that she was saying there would be a parvo outbreak.

She has worked very and has bypassed a lot of fun in life for the animal shelter. She has had many heartaches in the last three years -- the loss of her grandmother and father. Yet, she has never stopped to take a break from the animal shelter. She lives her life based around the animal shelter. Rain or shine, Dixie is there. There are days she is so sick she should be in bed, yet she heads out every morning at 8:30 a.m. to the shelter -- no one to give her days off, no one to help when her volunteers are at school. My mother has not had a vacation in 13 years -- unless you count a vacation as when she was in Texas helping her mother while her father had cancer! I don't think that is a vacation,

do you? If she is not there, she is here... dedicating her time to the shelter.

I am proud to say my mother is Dixie Lobsinger. She has been a blessing to this community and to the lost, hurt, and uncared for animals who have nothing. My mother has loved each and every animal that has come into the animal shelter, giving him or her the love they never had or the love they have lost. Dixie Lobsinger is one of God's unseen blessings the poem "Footprints in the Sand" talks about: one set of footprints and it is God carrying you. Well, my mother is the one that has carried all animals along a path which, sooner or later, leads to God.

I decided to write this letter on my own free will (just as everyone else has) because I am sick of people belittling my mother.

Melissa K. Lobsinger
Grayling

Shelter Board's past president speaks out

To the editor,

Well, here is another letter about the shelter.

Being the past president of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County I am well aware of what has gone on.

From the first day Joe Porter came to the Board he started taking over. He and Ward Parker would come to meetings with agendas they had previously prepared and Joe would run the entire meeting. Every time the building money was discussed, \$35,000 was added to the amount they actually had. Whenever I stated that the money was the shelter's and not the build-

ing fund's, I was just blown off by Ward.

Ward and Joe verbally mistreated Dixie at every meeting. I don't know how she lasted as long as she did. They made her feel like she was nothing. Ward always made faces and shook her head as if to say Dixie was a fool. Without Dixie, there will be no animal shelter.

I thought a board was supposed to be there to help. This board has done nothing except take from Dixie all the money she has saved and worked very hard for to keep the shelter running. They all knew Dixie's feelings; she doesn't try to hide them. But, they just kept push-

ing. As you all know by now, you cannot push Dixie no matter how you try.

I was the animal shelter president for over two years. I quit for many reasons. On the day Joe Porter was elected president, I was asked to stay and be the liaison to Dixie. They only wanted to use me. I had already written my letter of resignation. When I left the meeting that evening, I dropped it into the mailbox. I was glad to be rid of the animal shelter board.

Pamela Schnaidt
Past President, ASCC
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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Thought for your week ahead: Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want.

Don't forget to come in and get your tag off of the Toys for Tots Christmas tree in our lobby. You take the tag and it will say boy or girl and an age; you bring your gift, either home-made or store-bought with the same tag on it, back and put under the tree. (You don't have to wrap) The gifts are distributed through the Christian Help Center.

Please remember the shut-in and those that will be alone this holiday season.

Beat the winter blahs by coming to your Senior Center and see what is going on. Lots of good things are happening and all you have to do is come and join in! Here's a list of things coming up this next week and the menu for the coming days. (The menu is listed Lunch/Dinner)

Dec. 13 - Roast Beef/Veal Cutlets; Exercises and line dancing at 10 and 11; Stag Cards at 12:30; Birthday dinner and White Elephant Auction

at 5.

Dec. 14 - Pork Steak/Turkey Birds; BP's taken 11 to noon every Thursday; Lucky 7 Casino trip leaves at 9:30; Pinochle club at 1; Personnel Committee meets at 4:30. Public welcome.

Dec. 15 - Roast Chicken/No dinner; Lovells Satellite at 12; Pantry Bingo at 1 as well as 80 cent rummy in the Rec Room at the same time; Legal help at 1:30.

Dec. 17 - Sunday Pancake Brunch from 10 to 1.

Dec. 18 - Fish/Chicken Cacciatore; Finance Committee meeting at 3; "Hangman" at 5:30.

Dec. 19 - Traditional Christmas dinners served at noon and 5 with dancing in-between.

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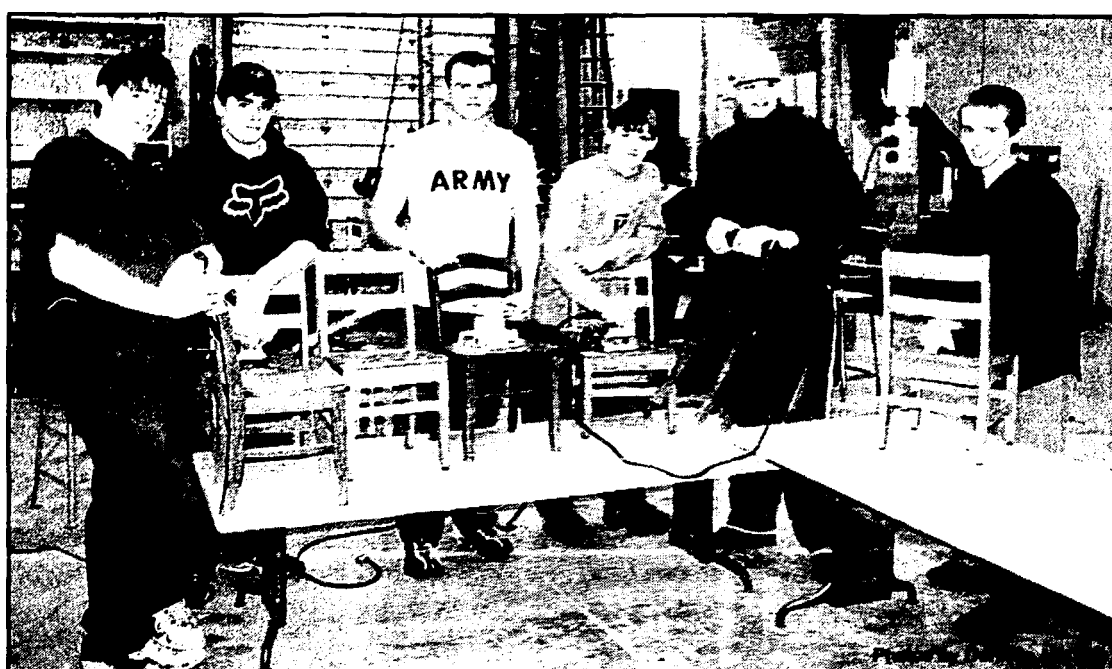
by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

Building Trades students at Grayling High School are currently working on a project for the new library. The 'ancient' furniture that has adorned the Crawford County Library since it opened is getting a facelift.



(Above) Building Trades student Bob Cooper refinishes a chair for the Crawford County Library Project.

The refinishing project began last week and will be spread out over a period of two years, said class instructor Gil Cerelli. "Right now



Tables and bookshelves are also being refinished by students at Grayling High School and will be placed in the children's section of the library.

we have about 15 chairs, a couple of tables and some bookshelves we are going to cut down and top with formica for the children's section," remarked Cerelli.

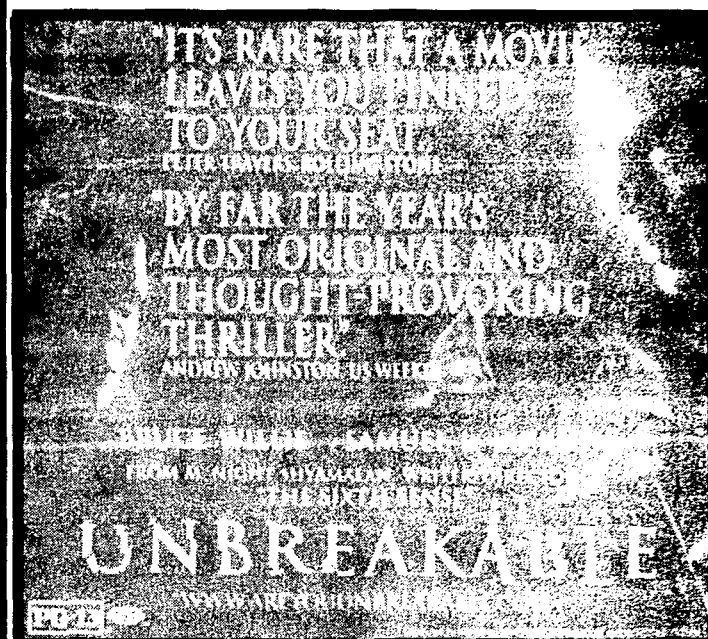
"We use Citrisstrip to cut away at the varnish and then have to scrape and sand until we're down to the natural wood. You can see the original stamps from the manufacturer.

too. It's neat," said Cerelli.

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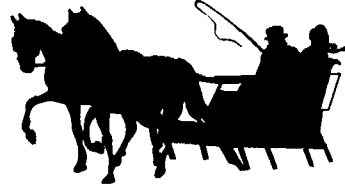
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Friends of the Library elect new officers

► Recognition given to outgoing president Spasoff

Friends of the Crawford County Library, the non-profit group that spearheaded the successful millage proposal to build a new county library, have recently elected their new slate of officers for 2001.

The organization, which primarily focuses on raising funds to support library services, boasts a membership of nearly 100 persons. Membership is open to all persons who would be willing to volunteer some time and energy toward these ends. Membership is \$10 annually per person; lifetime memberships are \$100, but Life Members still bake cookies, sell used books, and enjoy "library stuff."

Barbara Spasoff of Roscommon, former president of the group since the "Friends" inception in April of 1998, was thanked with plaques of appreciation and a surprise early Christmas party at the "Friends" last meeting in late November. She and husband, Lew, have freely and graciously given of their time and talents in the groups' many fund-raising activities, most especially the twice-a-year used book sale held sometime in February and during River Festival weekend.

The Spasoffs tirelessly sort the thousands of used books given to the library to raise money for special projects. They have both promised, of course, to remain active in "Friends" upcoming efforts to raise funds for new books and equipment for the new library.

The new officers elected for 2001 are Dee Hall, president, who has served as vice president for two years; Carol Britten, vice president;



Friends of the Library recently elected new officers. Shown are (front) Rita Jackson, secretary; Carol Britten, vice president, Tracie Compton, librarian; (back) outgoing secretary Betty Pimlott; Shirley Schmooch, treasurer; and outgoing president Barbara Spasoff. Not shown: new president Dee Hall (former vice president).

Rita Jackson, secretary; and Shirley Schmooch, treasurer.

For more information on becoming one of the "Friends of the Crawford County Library," contact Tracie Compton, librarian, at 348-9214 or write to: Friends of the Library, 100 S. James Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

Friends is currently putting together a "2001 Wish List" it plans to begin circulating in the area the first of the year. Members are hoping that individuals and groups will "adopt" a book or set of books or piece of equipment for the new library.

"A 'First Class' library serving a progressive community like Grayling, Roscommon, Frederic, Lovells, Higgins Lake, and all of our forward-thinking townships, deserves top-notch technology, research materials, and books," said new Friends president Dee Hall.



Outgoing president Barbara Spasoff and her husband, Lew, were praised by fellow members at a recent surprise Christmas party and thanked for their contributions to the Friends of the Library.

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Grayling native featured on new Dream Songs CD

Josara! Records announced last month the release of "Dream Songs," the company's newest recording. The music is sung by award-winning Midland Park, New Jersey soprano, Anne Marie Church, formerly of Grayling.

The CDs a capella, or voice alone, format brings a unique perspective to the bewildering array of lullaby CDs on the market.

"Dream Songs" seeks to soothe and calm listeners of all ages through the beauty and simplicity of a solo voice singing songs from our collective childhoods.

"Dream Songs" shows we find lullabies in all kinds of unexpected places. Featuring some of Church's own arrangements, there are songs from the frontier, home and the old country, from Broadway to Tin Pan Alley, from African-American spirituals and Native American melodies. There are love songs, hymns, waltzes, sea chanteys and riddles.

Each song is sung for special children in Church's life. Subtitled "...sweet songs and lullabies -- not

just for babies," the voice alone recording concept began on a family visit.

Church commented about a young niece, "She was a party girl, even at the age of six months, when I first met her. So to help her relax, I did what favorite aunts who happen to be sopranos do. I sat down with her in a rocking chair and sang Gershwin's 'Summertime.' I could actually feel her little body melt, as the tension left her and she readied for sleep. Her mother sat across the room, amazed at the swiftness of the transition."

Church continued, "That's when it came to me... this is the way babies, the way we all, really hear lullabies. Not with twinkling bells or 60-piece orchestras, but with Momma's voice alone. And, whatever songs Momma knows, well, she makes them lullabies..."

"Dream Songs" is available for purchase at Parrott's Perch on Michigan Avenue in Uptown Grayling. A portion of the sales will go to support church ministry.



Anne Marie Church has just released new CD, "Dream Songs."

Legislators propose faster business tax cut

by Cynthia J. Drake
Capital News Service

LANSING - New legislation to expedite the end of the Single Business Tax (SBT) is eliciting mixed reaction around the state.

The House initiatives, sponsored by four representatives, aim to reduce the SBT by 0.2 percent annually for the next nine years, then by 0.3 percent the 10th year to eliminate it.

Currently, the SBT is scheduled to disappear in 23 years.

The SBT is a 2.3-percent value-added tax and applies to all businesses with adjusted gross receipts of at least \$250,000 a year.

But the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce is not optimistic about the new proposal to speed its

demise.

"The legislation last year actually resulted in a tax increase for 30,000 businesses," said John Brown, president of the chamber. "We did not support that proposal when it went in. Changes in the law altered the apportionment formula so that in-state businesses were forced to undergo a tax increase to subsidize out-of-state businesses."

Brown said the chamber has communicated with members of both the House and Senate to improve business tax legislation for in-state businesses.

"We're happy for speeding up the rate cut, but that will not be sufficient enough for thousands of businesses. For some, it will be five years before they realize a tax cut,"

he said.

Rep. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, disagrees with Brown, saying he hasn't seen any tax increase for Michigan businesses.

"The SBT is a tax that only three or four states have. The way it's calculated is fairly archaic," he said. Allen sponsored last year's SBT cut, which implemented a 0.1-percent annual tax decrease for 23 years. He is one of the four sponsors of the new measure.

"In my opinion, it helps small businesses in the Leelanau and Grand Traverse areas become more profitable. The sooner it goes away the better," he said.

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, says she hopes the legislation will pass before the end of the year.

"Michigan has proven with 32 tax cuts that the more we reduce taxes, the more we stimulate and nourish the economy," she said. "Accelerating the SBT phase-out will create jobs and boost income for families and effectively insulate Michigan in the event of an economic downturn."

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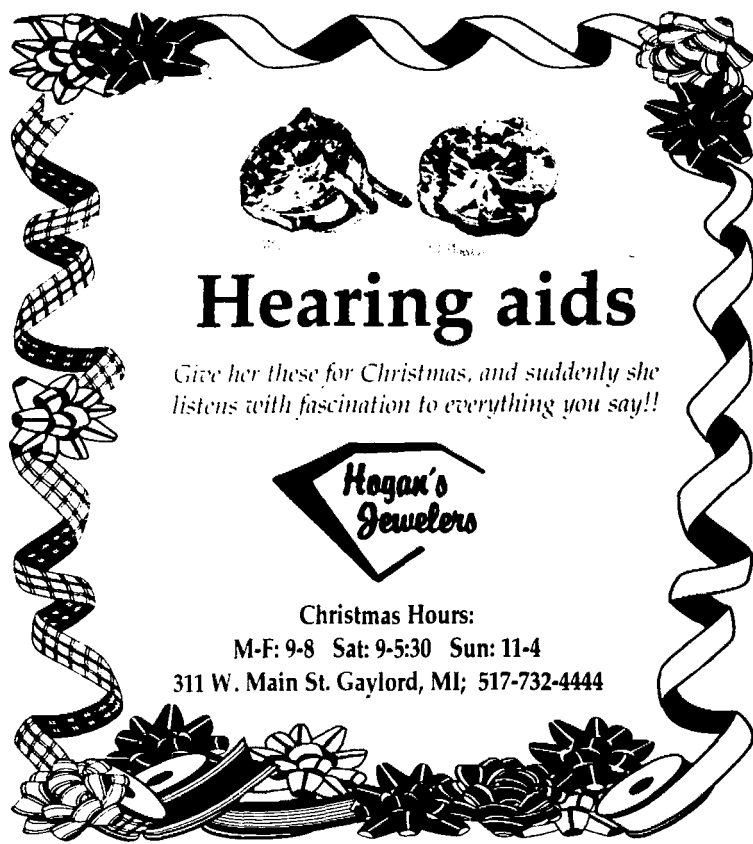
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Veteran groomer comes back for more

by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

Jan Ledger, former owner of Milltown Groomer, is managing a new shop in Grayling and can't wait to start manicuring local customers. Northern Tails, owned by Jeff Andrews, Quality Control Manager for Georgia Pacific, has been welcoming furry friends of all ages, shapes and sizes since November 28, opening day.

Ledger is an award-winning groomer specializing in scissor work and coloring of poodles. She has been grooming for 33 years. "I started when I was eight years old in Union Lake. The shop owner was too busy and, in desperation, handed me some shears. After I was done, she was so impressed, claiming that I was a natural. I've been doing it ever since," said Ledger.

She studied with Serafino Ripamonti for 21 days, learning the professional techniques in coloring. Ripamonti is a master of grooming

and currently judges at several international competitions.

Ledger says she and her staff are very professional and experienced. They base their intake on "quality not quantity." One employee, Darlene Hamblin, has been grooming for 22 years. She specializes in mixed breeds, Lhasa Apsos and Shih Tzus. Rita Barlow also works at Northern Tails and is a former shop owner herself. Barlow is a member of the Michigan Dog Groomers Association, specializing in Cocker Spaniels.

Ledger says she couldn't be happier with the opening of Northern Tails. "I was going to retire and just couldn't do it. I love my work," Ledger said. She also stated that she wants to make a contribution to the "pitiful kids" at the Crawford County Animal Shelter. "I will groom any animal adopted from the shelter. When an animal is adopted, Dixie Lobsinger, director of the facility, will present a gift certificate from Northern Tails for a free grooming session."

Ledger not only grooms and colors cats and dogs but can groom any animal, any shape or size. "I have worked with ferrets, rats, llamas and even gerbils. The possibilities are endless in this business, the art is half the fun."



Photo by Danielle McGillis

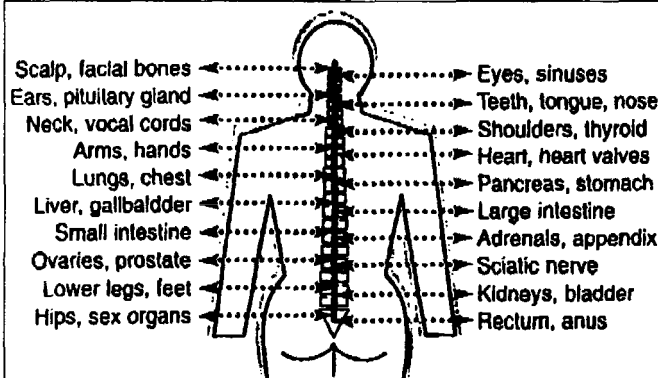
Jan Ledger, manager of Northern Tails, is grooming 'Cuddles,' son of Sue Barber, a well-mannered apricot miniature poodle. Jan has been grooming for over 33 years and specializes in scissor work and coloring.

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Pierce is currently in her last trimester at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa and has chosen an internship with Dr. Toupin in order to gain experience in office and patient management. She will graduate in March 2001

with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, Pierce was formerly a massage therapist, polarity energy balancing therapist, and yoga teacher. She received her training in those modalities during her 11-1/2 year residency as a staff member at the Kripalo Center for Yoga and Health in Lewis, MA. She has taught yoga classes and conducted polarity

workshops in Massachusetts and, most recently, as adjunct faculty at The Institute of Therapeutic Massage in Davenport.

Pierce has a wide range of interests including the healing arts, vegetarian cooking, reading, foreign travel, sewing, and anything that contributes to her personal growth.

She states she looks forward to seeing and serving clients at Dr. Toupin's offices.

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Game 5 _____		Game 12 _____			
Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____		Tiebreaker 3 game #18 _____	
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Tiebreaker 1 game #1 _____		Tiebreaker 2 game #9 _____			

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Week #15 Winning Games

- Green Bay (39)
- Chicago
- Philadelphia
- Tennessee
- Kansas City
- Tampa Bay
- NY Giants
- Jacksonville
- Baltimore (27)
- Denver
- Dallas
- St. Louis
- New Orleans
- Oakland
- Delta State (Miss.)
- Mt. Union (Ohio)
- Georgia Southern
- Montana (35)

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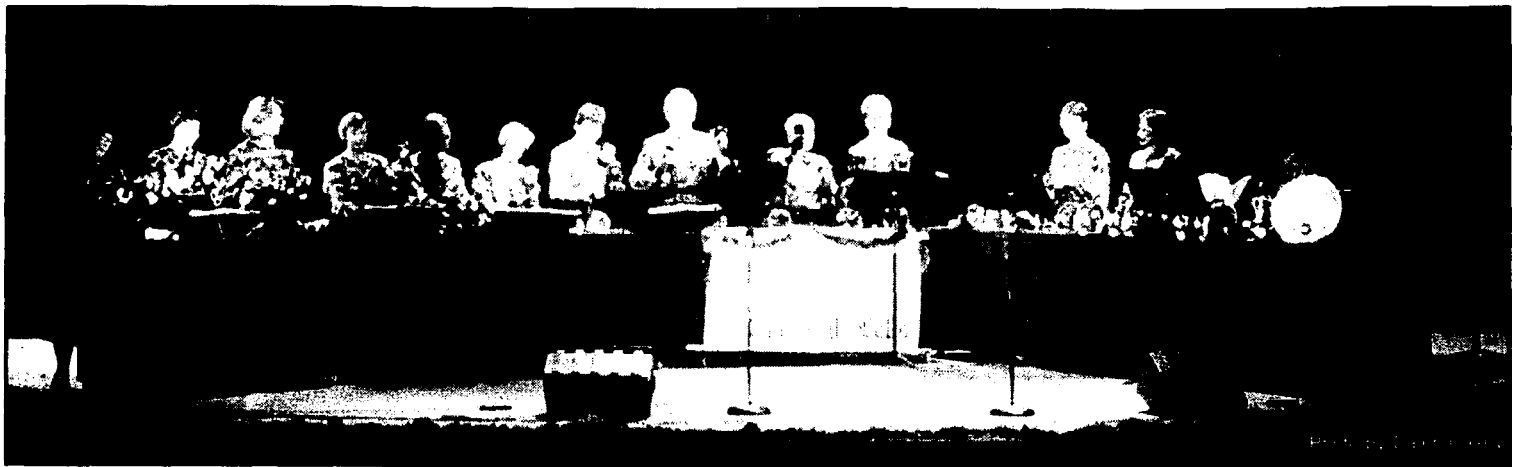


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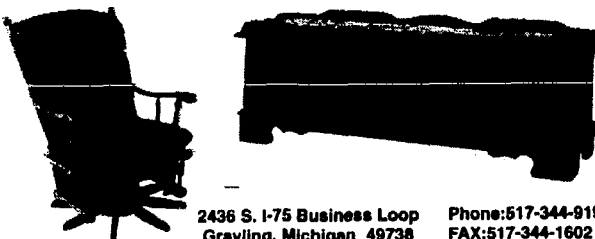
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Teen: Good nutrition helps them stay trim during this period of heightened self-consciousness. Regular exercise also provides a head start on lifelong good habits.

Twenties and Thirties: people at these ages who eat right and exercise will create an energizing

oasis of self-care time apart from the demands of family and job. The twenty/thirty something parent will also be setting a good example.

Forties and Fifties: healthy nutrition keeps the body running smoothly during mid-life health changes. Staying trim through proper exercise and eating habits also minimizes age-related advances of arthritis and other conditions.

Sixties and beyond: People at this stage who eat well-balanced diets often enjoy the good digestion and strong energy levels associated with earlier decades of the lifespan. Staying active through exercise will help preserve the energy and vigor needed to enjoy travel and increased time for hobbies, community work, and activities with grandchildren. And elders who exercise regularly are more likely to maintain maximum independence and mobility.

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MILITARY NEWS

Sgt. Mark Kraus, of Grayling, recently represented the Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center (MTC) during the state-wide Stewart Medal and NCO of the Year competitions held at the Michigan National Guard headquarters in Lansing.

The annual competitions determine the all around best enlisted soldier and NCO in the Michigan Army National Guard.

To be eligible for the state level competition, Kraus first had to win at the unit level, battalion level and then brigade level. During the Stewart Medal competition, Kraus was judged on military appearance and the ability to march troops. He also took a written test that covered first aid, land navigation and nuclear-biological-chemical warfare.

During the NCO of the Year competition, Kraus reported to a military board where he was quizzed, and then judged, on knowledge of current events, proper wear of the Army uniform, drill and ceremonies, leadership, training, Army programs and common tasks (such as assembling/disassembling an M-16 rifle, map reading and reaction to enemy attack).

Kraus, who worked full-time at range control for the MTC, recently transferred to a new position in Lansing. There he is the training



Sgt. Mark Kraus

NCO for Detachment 1, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery.

Kraus, who has been in the military for six years, attended basic training at Fort Benning, GA. He was trained as an infantryman and served on active duty with Company E, 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) at Fort Myer, VA. In 1999, he returned home and joined the Michigan Army National Guard.

In addition to basic training, Kraus has successfully completed Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA; Air Assault School at Fort Belvoir, VA; and the Primary Leadership Development Course at Fort Knox, KY. He was also awarded the Expert Infantry Badge during a competition at Ft. Myer, VA.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 89 calls the week of December 4 - 10: One assault/intimidation/stalking, two larcenies, one stolen property, two damage to property, four public peace/disorderly, two OUIL/UBAL, seven health and safety (all animal control calls) one miscellaneous criminal offense, 17 delinquent minors, 20 traffic accidents, one valid alarm, two false alarm activations, one hazardous condition, one property inspection, two civil matter disputes-family trouble, two suspicious situations, one lost & found property, one suicide, 20 general non-criminal, one burglary-forced entry-residence.

OBITUARIES

Charles Allen Wright

Jun. 4, 1945 - Dec. 12, 2000

Charles Allen Wright, 55, died on December 12, 2000 at his home in Grayling.

Charles was born in Detroit to Kenneth Wright and Patricia Cavell on June 4, 1945. On June 29, 1996 he married Diane Dutton in Elk Rapids.

Mr. Wright is a retiree of General Motors, and previously of Clarkston. Charles moved to Grayling in 1986. His leisure time was spent working on and riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles, enjoying custom cars, fishing and hunting.

Charles was preceded in death by his father, one brother, Lee and one step-brother, Robert Merchant.

Survivors include: his mother Patricia (Cavell) Wright; his wife, Diane Dutton; one daughter, Christine Wright; three sons, Charles Allen Wright Jr., Calvin (Angel) Dutton and Stephen Dutton of Grayling; three grandchildren, Brianna Dutton, Callie Wilkins and Beau Dutton; one sister, Debbie (Galen) Caverly of White Lake; one step-sister, Denise (Laymon) Fleenor of Farmington Hills; four step-brothers, Max Glime of Drayton Plaines, George Glime, Richard Glime of Farmington Hills and John Glime of Grayling.

For funeral arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Vivian Maxine Wetzel

Jun. 1, 1930 - Dec. 4, 2000

Vivian Maxine Wetzel, 70, of Gaylord died Monday, December 4, 2000 at Tendercare of Gaylord.

Vivian was born on June 1, 1930 in Jackson. In 1955 she moved to Gaylord and in 1974 she left the area for several years. She later returned to Gaylord in 1985.

She was a former member of the First United Methodist Church, in Gaylord, and formerly active in the Republican party. She read and studied the Civil War. She also enjoyed crafts, sewing and knitting.

Survivors include: 5 children, Wayne (Beth) of Lansing, Jana Tuck of Grayling, Kevin (Christine) of South Lyon, Robin Murphy of Lansing, Melanie (Dave) Stroh of Ladsen, South Carolina; 14 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and one sister, Dianne Hammond of Kentucky.

Funeral services were held on Friday December 8, 2000 at the First United Methodist Church, in Gaylord; Reverend John Naile, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the American Cancer Society, through the Nelson Funeral Home, 135 N. Center, Gaylord, Michigan, 49735.

June A. Gugin

June A. Gugin died December 6, 2000 in Grayling.

A funeral with visitations was held on December 9, 2000, at Dotsons Funeral Home in St. Ignace. A spring burial is planned in Grayling.

Survivors include: one son, Rick Bellville of St. Ignace and one daughter, Virginia A. Bellville of St. Ignace.

Card of Thanks

A very heartfelt thank you! We would like to thank the following: The doctors and staff of Mercy Hospital; also Laura Labo and her fantastic, very loving staff at Mercy Manor. You all did such a wonderful job of taking care of the special needs of our mother, Helen K. Pease.

Special thanks to Dr. Nair and Dr. Lisa Harrington and their colleagues for going that extra mile to make sure her medical needs were met.

Thank you to all the people that came and showed their love and support at the services at Sorenson Funeral Home.

Very special thanks to Father Greg McCallum of St. Hubert's Church in Higgins Lake for coming all the way up here in very bad road conditions to fulfill the final wishes of our mother when others wouldn't or couldn't care less.

May God bless you all and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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Wife Sammie, Children and Grandchildren


Card of Thanks

Thank you, from the family of Florence Nelson, to all who offered their support in so many ways during the last five months. Cancer is such a terrible disease and it would have been more difficult without the help and support of so many people; Father Nalley, the ladies of St. Mary's parish who furnished the funeral luncheon, Dial-A-Ride and Amicare. Also the many friends who sent cards, visited, brought food and gifts, as well as those who offered many prayers for Florence. Thank you all again,
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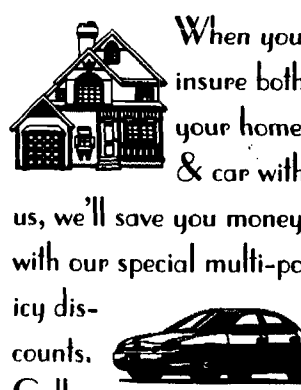
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Thursday, December 14, 2000

Vikings win home opener

Varsity team starts season with victory over Roscommon Bucks

► Grayling starts 1-0 with 65-52 win over visiting Bucks of Roscommon

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity basketball team opened the season with a 65-52 win over the visiting Bucks of Roscommon last Tuesday. The game was close in the first quarter, but Grayling pulled away and maintained a steady lead for the remainder of the game.

Roscommon took a 5-1 lead in the first two minutes of the game with a three-pointer and a jump shot. After two scoreless minutes, Ryan Mahaffy converted a three-point play after being fouled on a jumper to pull Grayling within one. Dan Mead scored a put-back at the 3:58 mark to give the Vikings a 6-5 lead.

Rosco took the lead with a bucket inside, then Grayling got back on top with two free throws by Levi Burkett. Roscommon hit a triple with 3:20 left in the first quarter. The Vikings tied the game at 10-10 with a jumper from Burkett. Two free throws by Mead put Grayling up 14-13. Roscommon scored two free throws on a one and one chance with one second on the clock to lead 15-14 after one period of play.

The Vikings elevated their level of play, and started to take control of the game. Grayling hit the boards hard, hustled for loose balls, and played aggressive defense as a team. On offense, Grayling moved the ball around well, and did a good job of drawing fouls.

The Vikes scored the first seven points of the second quarter on two free throws by Marcus Marelich, a

free throw by Burkett, and jumpers by Marcus Bobenmoyer and Burkett.

A jump shot by Bobenmoyer at the 3:45 mark put Grayling up by six, 23-17. Roscommon hit a triple to pull within three. A lay-up by Nick D'Amour on a fast break put Grayling up by five. Rosco scored a jump shot to pull back within three. Bobenmoyer scored a put-back, Brad Gorski hit two free throws, and Burkett added a free throw to the scoring effort to put Grayling up by eight.

The Vikings led by seven at half-time, 30-23.

Grayling scored the first two buckets of the second half to take an 11-point lead. The Bucks hit a three-pointer to cut Grayling's lead to eight. The Vikings scored six unanswered points on a jumper by Burkett and two buckets by Bobenmoyer to take a 40-26 lead.

A three-pointer by Burkett and a shot inside by Marelich put Grayling up 45-28. After a three-point play by Roscommon, Grayling scored on a lay-up by D'Amour and a drive by R.J. Schmidt to take an 18-point advantage, 49-31.

At the 0:25 mark, Marelich went up for a put-back to give Grayling a 51-34 lead. With one second left in the third quarter, Gorski converted two free throws to put the Vikings up 53-35 going into the fourth quarter.

Burkett opened the fourth quarter with a lay-up on an assist from Gorski. Gorski scored a bucket on a pass from Burkett to put the Vikings up by 22.

Grayling also scored fourth quarter points on a jumper by Mahaffy, a jump shot by Burkett, and fast break

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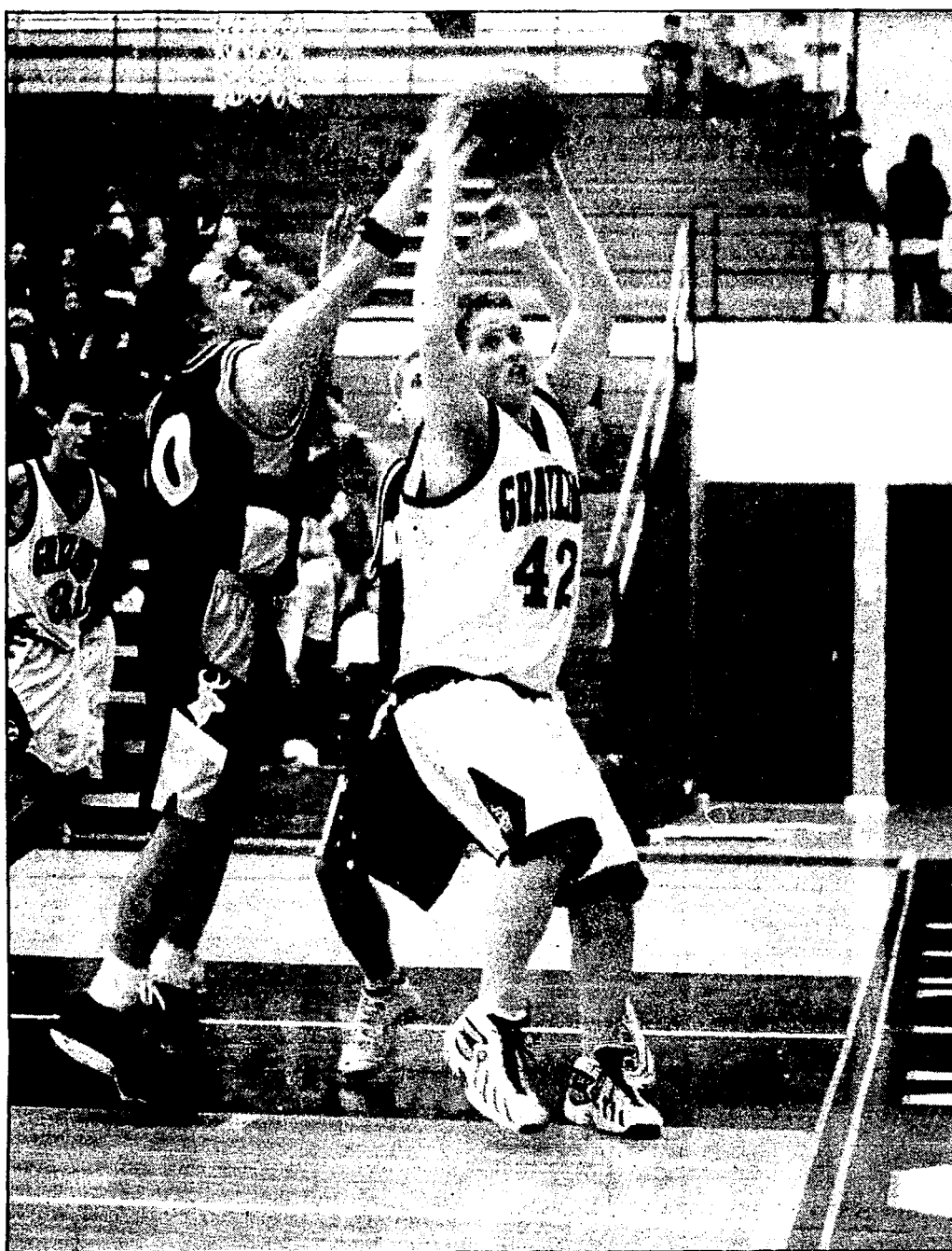


Photo by Caleb Casey

Dan Mead goes up for a rebound in last Tuesday's win over the Bucks.

Dedication ceremony to be held at GMS gym

On Friday, December 15, the GHS varsity and junior varsity boys basketball teams will play at Grayling Middle School as part of a special event commemorating the GMS gymnasium in honor of longtime GHS basketball coach Bruce Smith.

In between games, the GHS athletic department will unveil the new "Bruce Smith Gymnasium" sign as part of the special dedication ceremony.

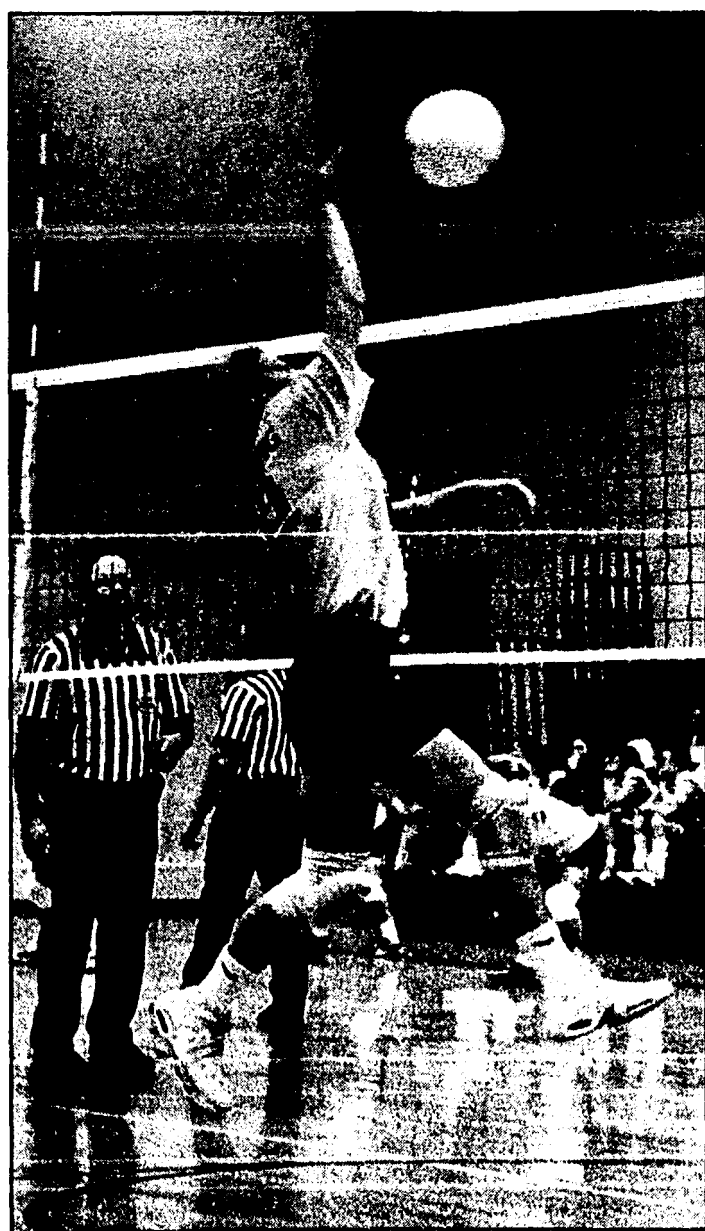
"I'd like to see everyone who's ever played for Bruce Smith to come out to the game and join in the dedication," said GHS Athletic Director Brian Banda.

All the exact plans for the event were not set as of Monday night, but Banda hopes to somehow incorporate Smith's former players into the ceremony.

Smith, who started his coaching career in the Upper Peninsula in 1941, came to Grayling in 1948. Smith coached boys basketball at GHS for 17 years. In 1965, he retired from coaching with a win/loss record of 275-123, two conference titles, six District titles, and three Regional championships. He continued to teach at GHS until 1976.

The GHS junior varsity team will play at 6:15 p.m. The dedication ceremony will start after the JV game, at approximately 7:30 p.m. The varsity game will follow the event.

Admission to the game will be \$4 per person.



Senior Emily Fox hits at the net.

Photo by Caleb Casey

Volleyball team opens season

Varsity squad starts year with tournament matches

► Vikings defeat Charlevoix Rayders, split with Onkama Portagers in tourney

The GHS varsity girls volleyball team kicked off its 2000-01 season schedule with matches at the nine-team Roscommon Christmas Classic Volleyball Tournament held at Roscommon Middle School this past Saturday.

The Vikings opened with a pair of games against the Huskies of Benzie Central. Benzie Central came out on top in two close matches, but the Vikings made some good runs and showed a lot of potential.

Grayling split with the Onkama Portagers in the team's next series 1-1. In the first game, Onkama took an early lead, and held off a couple late Grayling runs to win the match.

The Vikings dominated the Portagers in the second contest to win their first game of the year.

The Vikings continued to play well, defeating their next opponent, the Charlevoix Rayders, 2-0. Grayling lost its last two games of the tournament to the Houghton Lake Bobcats.

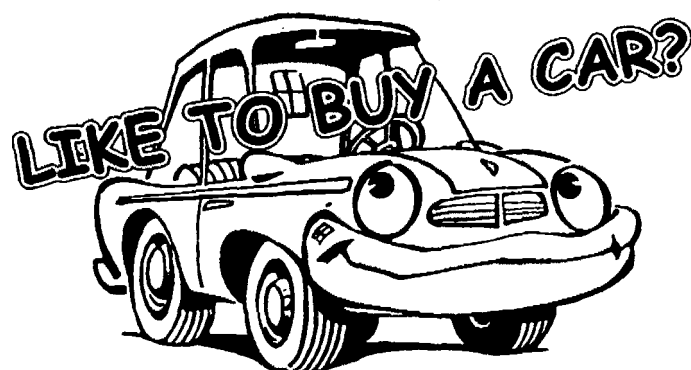
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Kristy Hulbert dives for a one-handed hit in the Roscommon Tournament.

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Freshmen Vikings fall to Gaylord

► Grayling center scores 23, grabs 19 rebounds in 66-52 loss to Blue Devils

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team opened its 2000-01 season with a loss to the Gaylord Blue Devils last Thursday in Grayling.

The Vikings got behind early, but didn't give up. Grayling made a couple good runs, but couldn't close the gap.

Grayling shot very well in the first quarter, scoring 26 points, including nine points on three triples. Grayling scored nine points in the opening quarter on two free throws by Joe Lange, a put-back by Lange, a jumper and a free throw by Travis Gildner, and a long jump shot by Sean Kelly.

Lange and Andy Strohpaul each hit two free throws to open the second half scoring, bringing Grayling within 15 of Gaylord's lead. Tyler Knapp hit a three-pointer at the 6:43 mark to bring the Vikings within 10, 26-16. Gaylord fought back, scoring the next three buckets.

Grayling then went on a 9-0 run to pull within nine, 34-25. The run included three free throws by Lange, a free throw shot by Knapp, a triple by Phil Armstrong, and a put-back by Lange.

Graylord scored the last four points of the first half to lead 38-25 after two quarters of play.

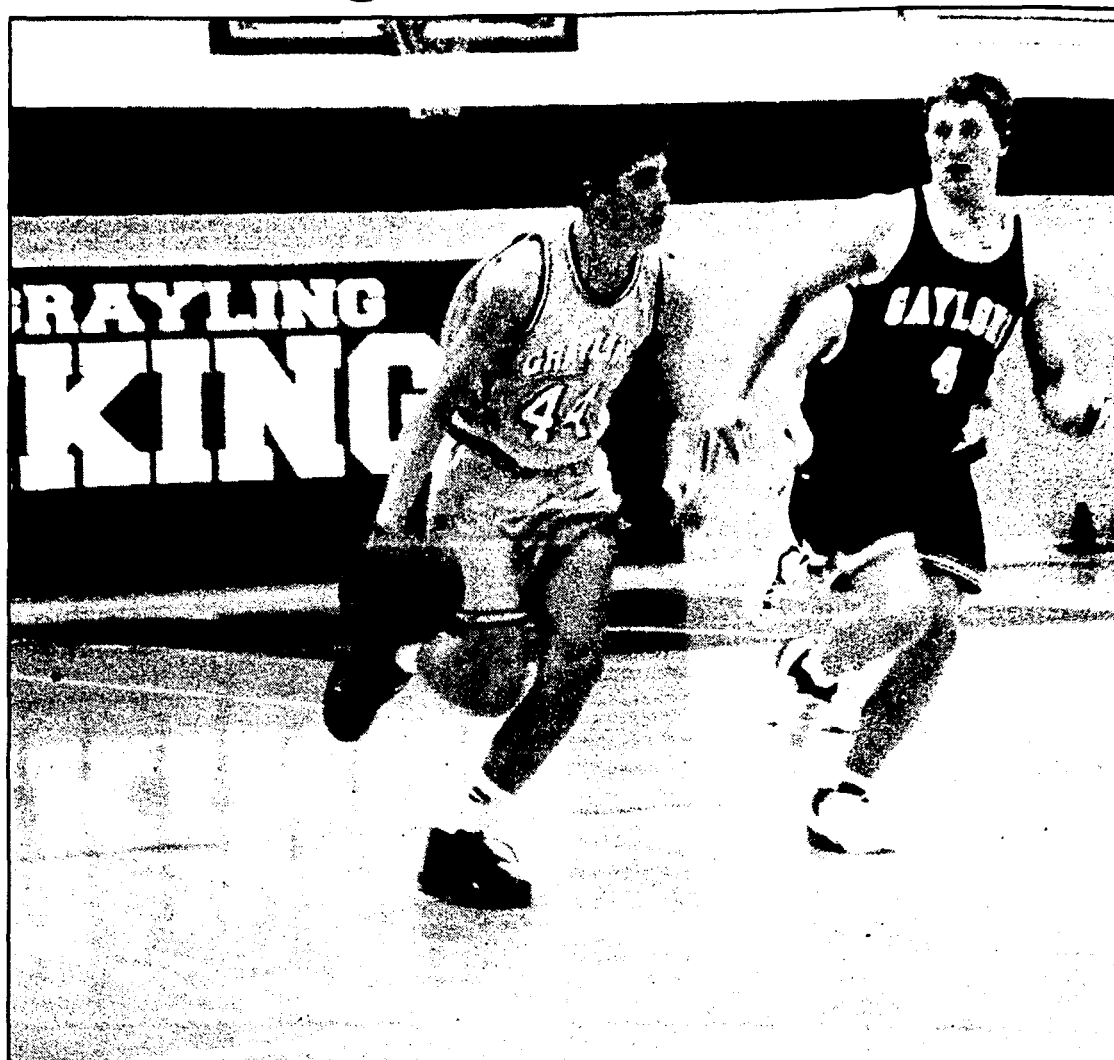
In the first minute of the third period the Blue Devils scored two baskets inside to go up by 17, 42-25. Lange connected on a shot inside, then Graylord answered with a jumper at the other end. Kelly hit a three-pointer to bring the Vikings within 14, 44-30.

Lange scored a put-back at the 3:48 mark. Lange scored another put-back at the 3:12 mark, was fouled, and converted the free throw for a three-point play to cut Graylord's lead to 11, 46-35.

With 1:40 remaining in the third period, Lange grabbed a rebound and went up for two points. Gildner drove to the basket at the 0:46 mark to finish the third quarter scoring. Grayling trailed by nine, 48-39, going into the fourth quarter.

Graylord opened the fourth with a triple. With 7:01 left in the game, Gildner completed a three-point play to bring the Vikings back within nine. The Blue Devils scored six unanswered points, including another triple, to take a 15-point lead with 4:47 left in the game.

Down the stretch, Grayling scored points on a shot inside by Armstrong on an assist by Knapp, a shot inside by Knapp, a three-point play by



Photos by Caleb Casey

Center Joe Lange moves the ball upcourt for Grayling. Lange posted a double-double last week in the freshman team's season opener with 23 points and 19 rebounds.

Lange, a jumper by Gildner, and a free throw by Strohpaul.

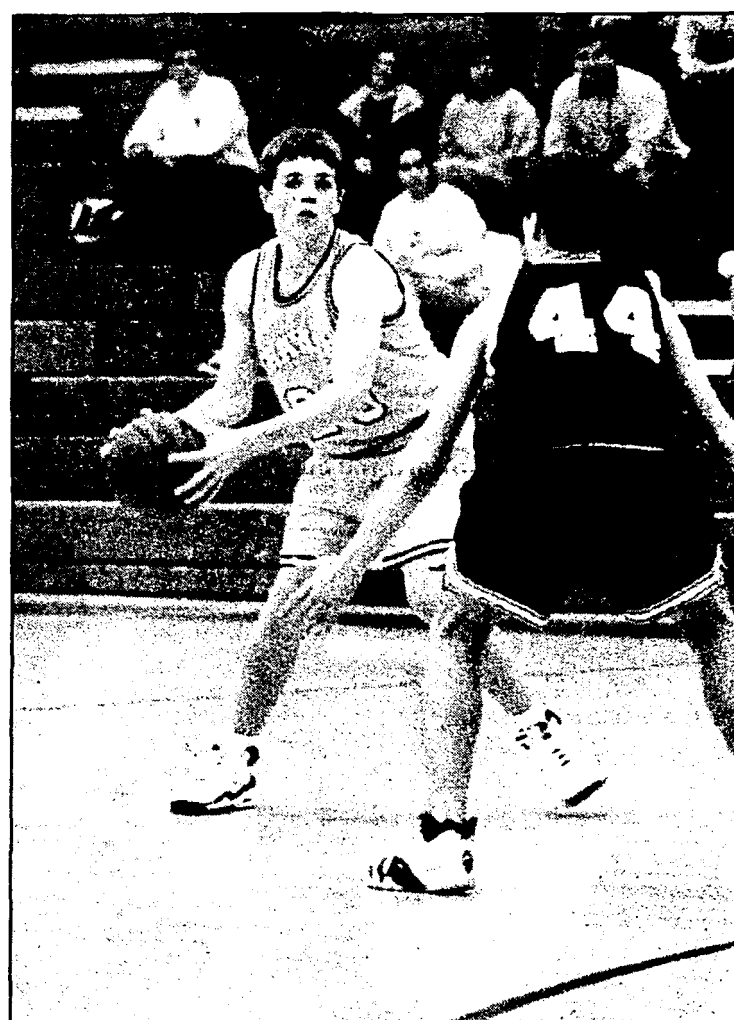
Graylord won the contest by a final score of 66-52.

Lange, playing at the center position, was Grayling's leading scorer with 23 points. Lange played a great game under the boards on both ends of the court, grabbing 19 rebounds in the match. Lange also hit 9 of 11 shots at the free throw line. Knapp and Gildner each finished the game with seven points. Kelly had eight rebounds.

"Joe Lange played an incredibly big game for us," said Coach Duane VanDrese.

"Our kids came out pretty nervous, which is to be expected for their first high school game. Unfortunately, by the time we settled down and began to play more of our game, we had dug ourselves quite a hole," said Coach VanDrese. "We did some nice things in the second and third quarters to get us back in the ball game. Overall, I'm pretty pleased with the direction we're going."

The freshman team will host the Pinconning Spartans on Monday, December 18, at 6:15 p.m. On Thursday, December 21, the Vikings will host Standish Sterling Central at 6:15 p.m.



Guard Andy Strohpaul handles the ball at the perimeter for the freshman team in last Thursday's match against Gaylord.

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JV team loses twice in week #1

► GHS basketball squad falls to Bucks, Blue Devils to open 2000-01 season

Grayling High School's junior varsity basketball team lost to the Roscommon Bucks in last Tuesday's season opener in Grayling by a final score of 43-32.

The Vikings got into a deep hole early and the Bucks controlled the match for the first three quarters. Grayling played a decent fourth quarter, but the Roscommon lead was too much to overcome at that point.

The Bucks outscored GHS 17-4 in the first quarter, and led Grayling 26-10 at halftime. After three quarters, Roscommon had a 20-point advantage (38-18).

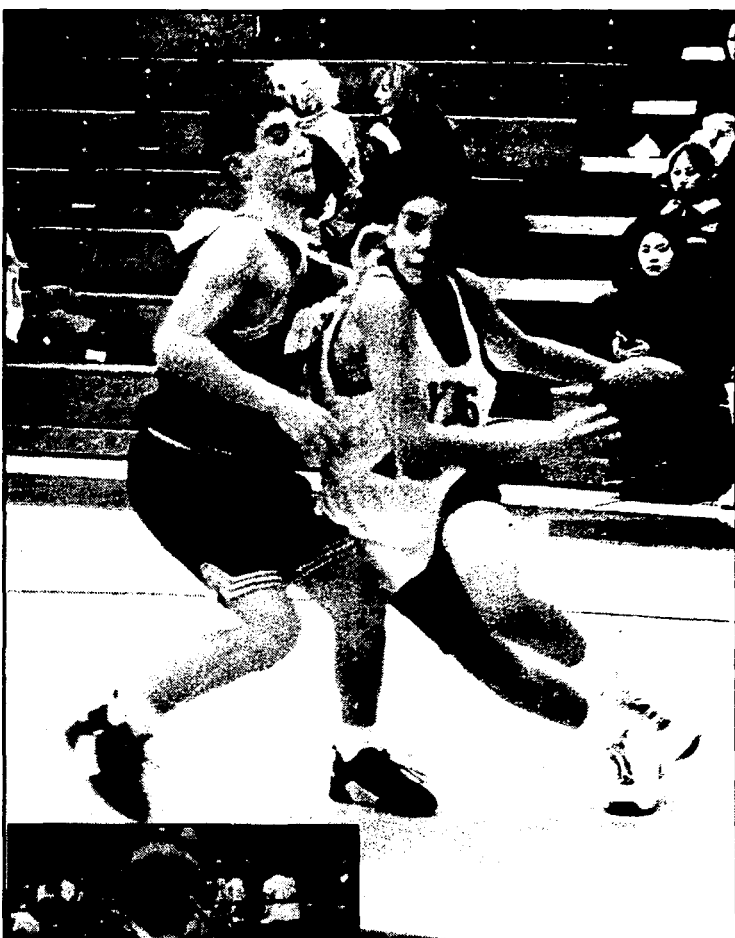
In the fourth quarter, the Vikings came alive for 14 points while hold-

ing the Bucks to five. Roscommon won the match by 11, 43-32.

On Friday, the Vikings lost a road contest to the Gaylord Blue Devils 62-34. Joe Zelek led the scoring effort for Grayling with 10 points, nine rebounds, and three assists. Roy Czapek finished with seven points; Adam Kaiser scored six points and had five steals; Brett Mead had four points and four rebounds; Chris Wakeley hit for four points and snagged four rebounds; Greg Morrill scored three points and had six rebounds; and James Kenney grabbed four rebounds.

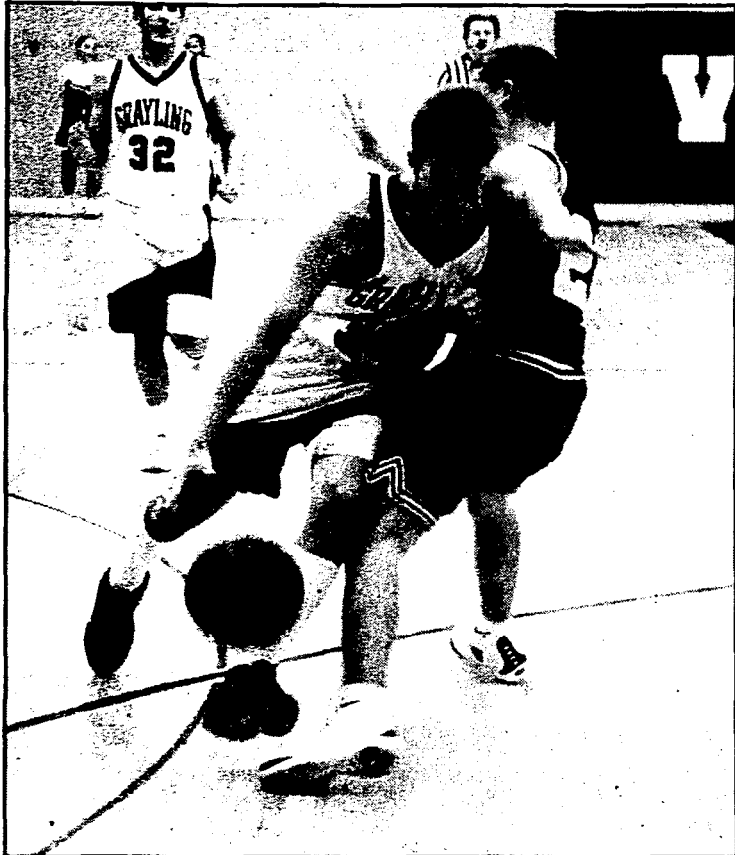
The Vikings will host Bay City John Glenn at Grayling Middle School on Friday, December 15, at 6:15 p.m.

After the game, a special dedication ceremony will be held commemorating the GMS gymnasium in honor of former GHS boys basketball coach Bruce Smith.



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Above) Grayling guard Adam Kaiser drives the baseline in last Tuesday's match against the Roscommon Bucks in Grayling. (Left) Roy Czapek takes a jump shot in the Roscommon game. The JV team lost to the Bucks 43-32.



James Kenney muscled toward the basket.

Wrestling team opens 2000-01 season

► GHS wrestlers to compete in first home match of year this Thursday

The Grayling High School wrestling team has won three of eight dual competitions so far this season. Most recently, the Vikings wrestled at the Mason County Invitational, at which Grayling placed 8th out of 10 teams.

(Other competing squads included Fremont, Allendale, Benzie Central, Shelby, Hesperia, Ludington, Manton, Lakeview, and Mason County.)

Several Vikings placed well individually at the Mason County tournament:

Chris Peters, in the 171-pound weight division, took first place;

Victor CdeBaca (189 pounds) placed 2nd; Andy Palmer (125) took 3rd; and Adam Malone (112) and Roy Middleton (189) each finished in 4th place in their divisions.

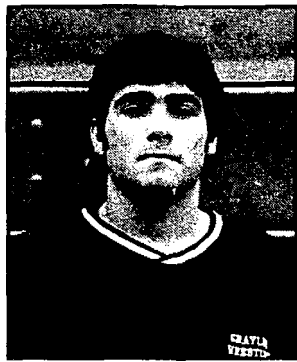
The GHS wrestling team has a lot of new athletes this year, and only five returning matmen.

"The team is starting to come together, and we look forward to some tough wrestling," said Coach Don Ferguson.

On Thursday, December 14, the Vikings will wrestle in their first home meet of the season. The Vikes will host Standish Sterling Central and Petoskey starting at 6 p.m. at GHS.

The team will compete in the Holiday Invitational at Charlevoix on Saturday, December 16.

DuBois Viking of the Week



Wrestling Coach: Don Ferguson
CHRIS PETERS

Chris shows a lot of determination and has done an outstanding job. He is currently undefeated, and placed 1st in the Mason County Invitational this past Saturday.

Vikings win home opener

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The Vikings won the game by a final score of 65-52.

The team will host Bay City John Glenn on Friday, December 15, at Grayling Middle School. Before the game, a ceremony will be held honoring Bruce Smith, a former GHS boys basketball coach.

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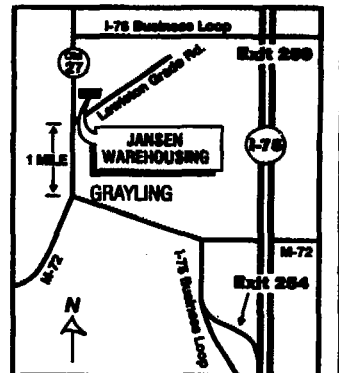


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Volleyball team opens season

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began to shed light on our capabilities as a team," said Coach Angie Golnick. "We have the talent to have a winning season, we need to utilize it."

For Grayling, senior Kristy Hulbert had 17 aces at the server spot and had 27 assists on the floor. Jamie Dent had seven aces and 17 assists; Arica Wolcott finished with nine aces, six blocks, and four kills; Emily Fox scored five kills and six digs; Lori Hinkle had five kills and six digs; and Ashley Wolcott posted eight digs.

"Lori Hinkle was an outstanding leader on the floor," said Coach Golnick. "She played a positive game and communicated effectively."

This Saturday, the team will compete in the Lake City Tournament. On Thursday, December 21, the Vikings will play at Standish Sterling Central.

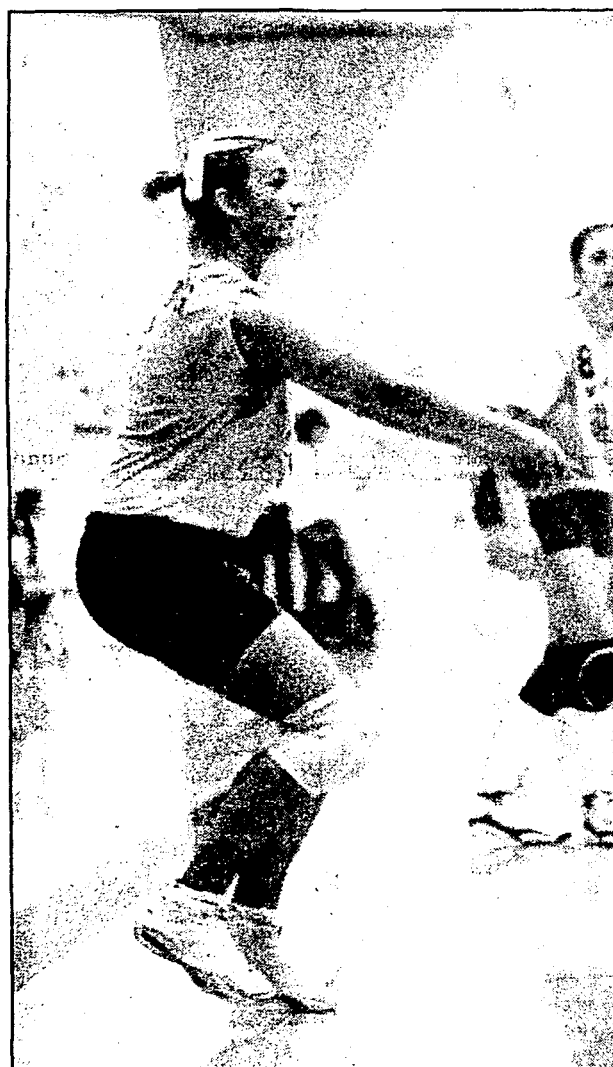


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Jamie Dent goes low to keep the ball alive during play in the Roscommon Tournament.



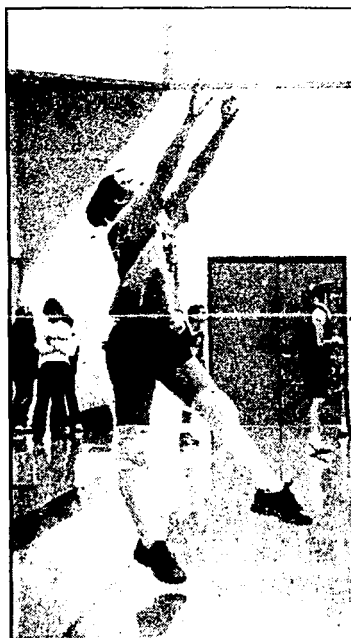
Arica Wolcott serves.



Lori Hinkle handles a ball from the back row.



Kristy Hulbert sets a teammate.

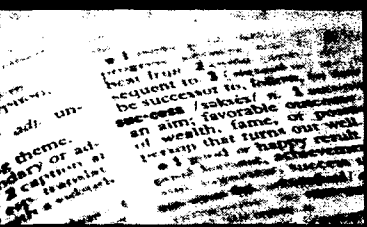


Ashley Wolcott sets.

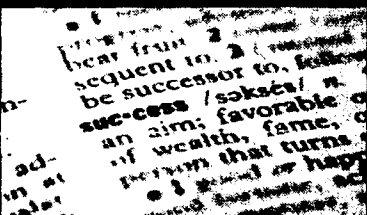


Emily Fox handles a serve from the back row.

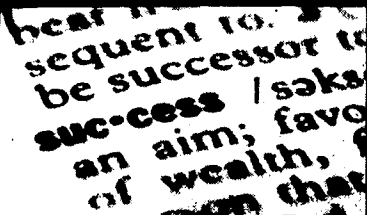
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ACC 202	Principles of Accounting II	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	M
ACC 401	Advanced Accounting I	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	M
MTH 136	Fundamentals of College Math	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	M
ACC 331	Taxation II	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	T
CIS 101	Computers & Information Processing	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	T
MGT 400	Leadership Effectiveness	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	T
HIS 202	American History 1820-1900	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	T
COM122	College Writing II	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	W
ACC 400	Auditing	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	W
MKT 301	Principles of Marketing	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	W
MGT 345	Purchasing & Materials Management	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	W
COM 212	Introduction to Speech	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	Th
MGT 331	Small Business Management	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	Th
FIN 340	Corporate Finance	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	Th

Classes held at the University Center @ Gaylord & Gaylord High School.

Grayling Site Schedule

COM 122	College Writing II	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	M
MGT 424	Labor & Employment Law	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	T
SOC 214	Social Awareness	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	W

Classes held at Grayling High School.

Cheboygan - Straits Area Center Schedule

MGT 424	Labor & Employment Law	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	T
CIS 101	Computers & Information Processing	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	W

Classes held at Cheboygan High School.

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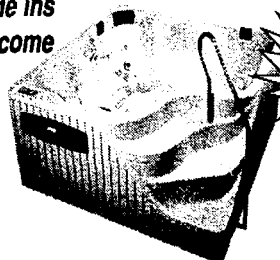
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BOWLING LEAGUE

American Men's	
Forrest Brothers.....	30 - 12
Upper Lakes Tire.....	24 - 18
McLeans ACE.....	22 - 20
Sawmill Tavern.....	21 - 21
CSI Ind. Systems.....	19 - 23
Helsel Forest Products.....	18 - 24
Moore's Automotive.....	17 - 25
Fenton's Auto Service.....	17 - 25
High Game: S. Peterson, 246; J. Thayer and R. Trudeau, 244; D. Canfield, 232.	
High Series: J. Thayer, 649; D. Canfield, 619; T. Devins, 579.	
Friday Mixed Doubles	
Moshier Auto Repair.....	37 - 19
Gray Rock Cafe.....	31 - 25
Aunt Betty's.....	30 - 26
C.U.P.S.....	28 - 28
Charles Country Corner.....	28 - 28
Fick & Sons.....	24 - 32
LAR-BEV KFC.....	23 - 33
Double Trouble.....	23 - 33
High Game Men: R. Moshier, 217;	

D. Yanniello, 212; and D. Germain, 209.	
High Series Men: D. Yanniello, 621; R. Moshier, 576; D. Germain, 574.	
High Game Women: K. Moshier, 215; M. Starks, 196; D. Medina, 186.	
High Series Women: K. Moshier, 554; D. Medina, 527; M. Starks, 500.	

Northwood	
North Michigan Financial..	39 - 17
Pro Tree.....	32 - 24
Darrell's Roofing.....	30.5 - 25.5
Curves For Women.....	28.5 - 27.5
R. Calkins & Sons.....	28 - 28
R & M Masonry.....	26.5 - 29.5
Plaza Bar.....	23.5 - 32.5
Rose Owen.....	16 - 40
High Game: S. Romain, 192; D. Elekonich, 183; B. Wakeley and D. Roman, 178.	
High Series: S. Romain, 505; D. Roman, 500; L. Dannenberg, 499.	
Sunday Night Mixed	
R & M Masonry.....	62 - 36
Wakeley's Auto Parts.....	59 - 39
Helsel Brother's.....	56 - 42
Waste Management.....	55 - 43
Legion Lanes.....	43 - 55
Custom Interior.....	43 - 55
M.I.A.S.....	37 - 61
Billy's.....	37 - 61
High Game Men: J. Helsel, 266; R. Hinds, 219; R. Adkinson, 215.	

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings	
Sawmill II.....	86
Spikes.....	82
Swamp II.....	82
Holiday Inn.....	81
Frederic Inn.....	75
Legion.....	71
Plaza.....	56
Sawmill I.....	43
5 Ball Run: 2 for Annette M. of Swamp, Lanette D. of Swamp, Barb M. of Sawmill II and Jeannie T. of Spikes.	
7 Ball Run: Siss I. of Frederic Inn	

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

The Kirtland Community College Firebirds defeated the Glen Oaks CC Vikings by a 75-72 count in an overtime thriller at Centerville last week.

"It was a long trip but it was well worth it," said Coach Glen Donahue. "We snatched victory from the 'Jaws of Defeat.'"

It was the second win of the season over the talented Vikings, and both were hard-fought games. The Firebirds are now 8-3 while the Vikings fell to 6-3.

"(Glen Oaks) Coach Steve Proefrock has a solid team and will be heard from in the Western Conference," said Coach Donahue.

The Lady Firebirds fell behind 28-25 and they had a cold spell in which the Lady Vikings built a 20-

High Series Men: J. Helsel, 707; R. Adkinson, 597; S. Miller, 558.
High Game Women: J. Hinds, 177; S. Johnson, 176; K. Moshier, 168.
High Series Women: J. Hinds, 501; K. Moshier, 479; S. Johnson, 475.

Triangle	
Gray Rock Cafe.....	36 - 20
Barber Construction.....	35 - 21
A-H Rental.....	34.5 - 21.5
Moshier Refrigeration.....	26.5 - 29.5
Moshier Auto Repair.....	26.5 - 29.5
G.G.S.....	25 - 19
Bancroft Const.....	22.5 - 21.5
High Game: K. Louchart, 237; M. Arwood, 224; K. Robideau, 204.	
High Series: J. DuBois, 565; T. Devins, 523; K. Louchart, 520.	

Senior	
Tees "N" Such "R" Us.....	33.5 - 22.5
Grayling Pharmacy.....	30 - 26
Flowers By Josie.....	30 - 26
Buccilli's Pizza.....	27.5 - 28.5
Halls Snow Removal.....	27 - 29
Baynham Wood Products.....	26.5 - 29.5
Sylvesters Sports.....	26 - 30
Cornell Insurance.....	23.5 - 32.5
Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 584; D. Germain, 581; L. Essiambre, 527.	
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 255; D. Germain, 211; K. Harris, 207.	
Women's High Series: V. Westover, 494; L. Hetrick, 450; R. Joyce, 445.	
Women's High Game: V. Westover, 178; L. Hetrick, 173; T. Stedry, 159.	

Recreation	
Glen's.....	38.5 - 13.5
Chicken Little Joint Project.....	32 - 20

Cornell.....	28 - 24
Peterson Saw Service.....	27 - 25
Mickey Perez.....	26 - 26
Skyline Ski & C.C.....	22.5 - 29.5
Scheer Motors.....	17.5 - 34.5
Mark 8.....	16.5 - 35.5
High Game: P. D'Amour, 197; K. Moshier, 189; J. Czapek, 188.	
High Series: K. Moshier, 542; M. Starks, 528; P. D'Amour, 513.	

Pioneer	
Custom Interior.....	35 - 17
Chemical Bank.....	33 - 19
Aunt Betty's.....	29.5 - 22.5
Ginger's.....	29 - 23
Millikins.....	21 - 31
Lady Slippers.....	19 - 29
Lucky Strikers.....	20 - 32
Avalanche.....	19.5 - 32.5
High Game: N. Glasslee, 206; T. Hellebuyck, 199; D. Calkins, 195.	
High Series: N. Glasslee, 516; S. France, 515; J. Hatfield, 510.	

National First	
Legion Lanes.....	23 - 12
Northern Whitetail.....	23 - 12
Forest Brothers.....	22 - 13
Faustman's Insurance.....	19 - 16
Hellebuyck Masonry.....	17 - 18
Hart Pontiac-GMC.....	16 - 19
Miller's Production.....	12 - 23
Swamp II.....	8 - 27
High Game: T. Sheldon, 256; B. Nielson, 235; M. Smith, 233.	
High Series: T. Devins, 612; T. Sheldon, 605; T. Kotrash, 597.	

point lead, and finally lost to the home squad by a 61-41 margin. Coach Jimmy Parker was pleased with his team during the first half but disappointed with their second half performance.

Mika Sumner, Laura Grace, and Brandie Bates each had eight points for the Firebirds. Christy Olsen had seven.

The Lady Firebirds next play Delta College at Mio High School on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Kirtland's mens team trailed by a 38-28 score at halftime, and trailed 48-30 early in the second half. The team cut the Glen Oaks margin to nine with 9:49 left and then outplayed the home squad the rest of the way.

KCC tied it with a basket by Monte Tucker late in the game, and then put it away early in the overtime period with a three-pointer by Tucker, a three-point play by Alvaides Gedminas, and five points by Kelsey Wood.

Tucker led the Firebirds scoring with 26 points; Gedminas had 11 points and 13 rebounds; and LaShawn Moody had 11 points.

Both Kirtland teams have a pair of home games during the final week of school before the holiday break:

- December 13 vs. Delta @ Mio High School, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- December 16 vs. St. Clair CC @ Houghton Lake High School, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default, has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Thomas Martin Izatt, aka Thomas M. Izatt**, a single man (original mortgagor) to **Delta Funding Corporation**, Mortgagee, dated March 5, 1999, and recorded on March 22, 1999 in Liber 0477, on Page 225, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the **Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A.**, as Trustee under the **Pooling and Servicing Agreement** dated as of March 30, 1999, **Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-1 C/O Delta Funding Corporation**, Servicing Agent. Assignee by an assignment dated August 22, 2000, which was recorded on October 17, 2000, in Liber 520, on Page 527, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 50/100 DOLLARS (\$97,530.50)**, including interest at **11.600%** per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the state in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in the Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on **January 3, 2001**.

Said premises are situated in TOWN-SHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Tamra Lee Findlay, named personal representative or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, Michigan 49738, and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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In Liber 452, on pages 177-198 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **Nineteen Million Dollars (\$19,000,000)**, including interest at 12.75 % per annum.

Under the Judgement of Foreclosure entered on October 13, 2000 in Case No. 00-5132 by the 46th Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, the Honorable Alton T. Davis presiding and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the **Main entrance to the Crawford County Courthouse, Crawford County Building, 200 West Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738** at **10:00 o'clock a.m. on December 22, 2000**.

Said premises are situated in **South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan** and are described as:

Description of Real Estate

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Phase I Parcel Description:

A Parcel of land being a part of the East 1/2 of Section 3 and part of Section 2 and Lots 1 - 3, 42 - 50, 78, 94 - 98, 112 & 113 of South Branch Ranch Unit Number 1 Subdivision more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Crawford County, Michigan; thence North 88°54'32" West 2,607.82 feet along the South line of Section 2 to the South 1/4 corner of Section 2, thence North 88°54'47" West 2,143.00 feet along the South line of Section 2 to the East line of South Branch Ranch Unit Number 1 Subdivision, thence North 11°52'06" West 68.79 feet, thence North 12°17'06" West 225.75 feet, thence North 75°56'01" East 165.25 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave to the Northeast leaving a radius of 201.33 feet and central angle of 22°02'00" thence 77.42 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of South 44°28'55" East 76.95 feet, thence North 05°49'54" East 81.70 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave to the Northeast having a radius of 144.15 feet and a central angle of 22°45'32" thence 57.26 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 26°26'32" West 56.88 feet, thence North 13°54'08" West 165.88 feet to a point on a tangent curve concave to the East having a radius of 183.80 feet and a central angle of 43°15'08" thence 183.80 feet along the arc of said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 06°14'00" East 135.48 feet thence South 88°40'56" West 173.07 feet, thence North 07°49'32" East 237.52 feet, thence North 10°10'20" East 66.23 feet thence North 03°48'38" East 263.07 feet, thence North 57°30'06" West 69.45 feet, thence North 23°05'54" East 178.53 feet, thence North 38°31'08" West 269.80 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave to the Northwest having a radius of 503.77 feet and a central angle of 14°41'53" thence 129.23 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of South 58°23'06" West 128.88 feet, thence North 31°44'06" West 202.72 feet, thence South 70°13'54" West 450.00 feet, thence North 65°37'06" West 49.10 feet, thence South 22°40'54" West 285.70 feet, thence North 63°44'06" West 20.00 feet to a non-tangent curve concave to the Northeast having a radius of 245.50 feet and a central angle of 60°12'56" thence 258.01 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 35°51'36" West 246.30 feet, thence North 05°45'06" West 212.92 feet, thence South 85°10'51" West 408.99 feet, thence North 27°34'27" West 543.04 feet, thence South 76°04'10" West 208.72 feet, thence North 14°32'46" West 175.52 feet, thence North 11°00'48" West 140.68 feet, thence North 10°51'37" West 66.01 feet, thence North 15°46'36" West 84.75 feet, thence North 35°17'54" East 204.50 feet, thence North 25°51'01" West 122.14 feet, thence North 09°25'10" West 66.00 feet, thence North 80°34'50" East 189.35 feet to a point on a tangent curve concave to the North having a radius of 1,967.00 feet and a central angle of 04°37'43" thence 158.90 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 78°15'58" East 158.86 feet, thence North 75°57'07" East 416.30 feet to a point on a tangent curve concave to the Northwest having a radius of 967.00 feet and a central angle of 05°19'14" thence 89.92 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 73°17'17" East 89.89 feet, thence North 24°07'23" West 220.00 feet, thence North 50°58'46" East 185.55 feet, thence North 39°01'14" West 86.42 feet, thence North 50°58'46" East 102.66 feet, thence

South 66°12'42" East 403.56 feet thence South 38°02'09" East 66.00 feet, thence North 51°57'51" East 131.03 feet to a point on a tangent curve concave to the Northwest having a radius of 500.00 feet and a central angle of 05°54'18" thence 51.53 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 49°00'41" East 51.51 feet, thence North 46°03'32" East 222.91 feet, thence South 41°06'28" East 137.56 feet, thence North 45°00'10" East 453.27 feet, thence South 03°51'27" West 258.39 feet, thence South 71°22'05" East 867.78 feet, thence North 70°43'10" East 584.94 feet, thence South 40°19'19" East 955.58 feet, thence North 56°54'04" East 151.59 feet, thence North 12°24'10" East 514.23 feet, thence North 22°35'39" East 675.49 feet, thence North 37°57'39" East 875.61 feet, thence South 29°31'49" East 651.15 feet, thence South 00°35'05" West 1,290.88 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave to the Southwest having a radius of 674.19 feet and a central angle of 27°59'53" thence 329.45 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of South 62°43'03" East 326.18 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave to the South having radius of 50 feet and a central angle of 77°17'59" thence 67.46 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 82°03'23" East 62.46 feet, thence North 30°42'23" East 131.56 feet, thence North 81°26'34" East 212.27 feet, thence South 00°54'40" West 3,107.26 feet along the East line of Section 2 to the Southeast corner of Section 2 and the point of beginning.

and also

Parcel 1

Sections 2 and 3, T25N-R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan: EXCEPT the Plats of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 1 and South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2 and Chandra Village; and

Parcel 2

South Branch Ranch Unit No. 1, being a part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, and part of the East 1/2 of Section 3, T25N-R2W, recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 21, EXCEPT the following lots: 9 through 41 inclusive; 51 through 77 inclusive; 79 through 92 inclusive; 99 through 111 inclusive; and 114 through 116 inclusive; and

Parcel 3

South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, T25N-R2W, recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 40, EXCEPT the following lots: 150 through 154; and 238 through 245; and

Parcel 4

Chandra Village, being parts of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, and the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, T25N-R2W, recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, page 16; and

excepting therefrom that portion of the real estate described as Phase I above.

EXHIBIT B

All right, title and interest of Debtor in and to following (collectively, the "Property"):

(1) The real property described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Land");

(2) All additional lands, estates and development rights hereafter acquired by Debtor for use in connection with the Land and all additional lands and estates therein which may, from time to time, by supplemental mortgage or otherwise be expressly made subject to the lien of the Security Instrument (as defined below);

(3) The buildings, structures, fixtures, additions, enlargements, extensions, modifications, repairs, replacements and improvements now or hereafter erected or located on the Land (the "Improvements");

(4) All easements, rights-of-way or use, rights, strips and gores of land, streets, ways, alleys, passages, sewer rights, water, water courses, water rights and powers, air rights and development rights, and all estates, rights, titles, interests, privileges, liberties, servitudes, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances of any nature whatsoever, in any way now or hereafter, belonging, relating or pertaining to the Land and the Improvements and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, and all land lying in the bed of any street, road or avenue, opened or proposed, in front of or adjoining the Land, to the center line thereof and all the estates, rights, titles, interests, dower and rights of dower, curtesy and rights of curtesy, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, both at law and in equity, of Debtor of, in and to the Land and the Improvements and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances thereto;

(5) All machinery, equipment, fixtures (including but not limited to all hearings, air conditioning, plumbing, lighting, communications and elevator fixtures) and other property of every kind and nature whatsoever owned by Debtor, or in which Debtor has or shall have an interest, now or hereafter located upon the Land and the Improvements, or appurtenant thereto, and use in connection with the present or future operation and occupancy of the Land and the Improvements and

all building equipment, materials and supplies of any nature whatsoever owned by Debtor, or in which Debtor has or shall have an interest, now or hereafter located upon the Land and the Improvements, or appurtenant thereto, or usable in connection with the present or future operation and occupancy of the Land and the Improvements (hereinafter collectively called the "Personal Property"), and the right, title and interest of Debtor in and to any of the Personal Property which may be subject to any security interests, as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted and enacted by the state or states where any of the Property is located (the "Uniform Commercial Code"), superior in lien to the lien of the Security Instrument and all proceeds and products of the above;

(6) All awards or payments, including interest thereon, which may heretofore and hereafter be made with respect to the Property, whether from the exercise of the right of eminent domain (including but not limited to any transfer in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of said right), or for a change of grade, or for any other injury to or decrease in the value of the Property;

(7) All leases and other agreements affecting the use, enjoyment or occupancy of the Land and the Improvements heretofore or hereafter entered into (the "Leases") and all right, title and interest of Debtor, its successors and assigns therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, cash or securities deposited thereunder to secure the performance by the lessees of their obligations thereunder and all rents, revenues, issues and profits (including all oil and gas or other mineral royalties and bonuses) from the Land and the Improvements (the "Rents") and all proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the Leases and the right to receive and apply the Rents to the payment of the indebtedness secured by the Security Instrument and the Assignment of Leases and Rents (as defined below);

(8) All proceeds of and any unearned premiums on any insurance policies covering the Property, including, without limitation, the right to receive and apply the proceeds of any insurance, judgments, or settlements made in lieu thereof, for damage to the Property;

(9) All refunds, rebates or credits in connection with a reduction in real estate taxes and assessments charged against the Property as a result of tax certiorari or any applications or proceedings for reduction;

(10) All proceeds of the conversion, voluntary or involuntary, of any of the foregoing including, without limitation, proceeds of insurance and condemnation awards, into cash or liquidation claims;

(11) The right, in the name and on behalf of Debtor, to appear in and defend any action or proceeding brought with respect to the Property and to commence any action or proceeding to protect the interest of Secured Party in the Property;

(12) All agreements, contracts, certificates, instruments, franchises, permits, licenses, plans, specifications and other documents, now or hereafter entered into, and all rights therein and thereto, respecting or pertaining to the use, occupation, construction, management or operation of the Land and any part thereof and any improvements or respecting any business or activity conducted on the Land and any part thereof and all right, title and interest of Debtor therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, the right, upon the happening of any default under the Security Instrument, or any other document executed in connection therewith, to receive and collect any sums payable to Debtor thereunder;

(13) All trade names, trademarks, service marks, logo, copyrights, goodwill, books and records and all other general intangibles relating to or used in connection with the operation of the Property; and

(14) Any and all other rights of Debtor in the times described in (1) - (13) above.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: Oct. 27, 2000.

Carpenters Pension Trust Fund, Detroit and Vicinity, Mortgagee
Arnold Schafer, Esq., Schafer and Weiner, P.C.

40950 Woodward Ave., Suite 100
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, Attorney.

16-23-30-7-14-21

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Mark W. Pollen a married man (original mortgagors)**, to **Bank One f/k/a NBD Bank mortgagee**, dated **March 10, 1992**, and recorded on **March 12, 1992** in Liber **4472**, on Page **202**, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is

claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **FOURTEEN THOUSAND FIFTY SEVEN AND 63/100 dollars (\$14,057.63)**, including interest at 7.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the **front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan** at **10:00 AM, on January 17, 2001**.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3, Block 2 Brink's Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 33 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 7, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1310

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200024431

-7-14-21-28-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by **TAMMY L. MYERS**, whose address is **9700 Elizabeth Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738**, to **THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at **240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661**, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated December 16, 1994 and recorded December 16, 1994 in Liber 387 in Crawford County Records on Pages 530, 531, 532 and 533, and re-recorded November 19, 1997 in Liber 442, Crawford County Records on Pages 74, 75, 76 and 77 to correct liber number in property description, such Mortgage being given to secure a Promissory Note payable to the Government, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of **SIXTY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 74/100 (\$62,330.74) DOLLARS**, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on the 3rd day of January, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgage together with 8.0% interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does not pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said Mortgage are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and are described as: Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 37, 38, 39 and 40, Block 6, Fourth Addition to Portage Lake Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

During the six months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact **USDA-Rural Development**, 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, telephone (231) 941-0951.

Dated: November 27, 2000

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

Michael I. Conlon (P43954)

Running, Wise, Ford & Phillips, P.L.C.

326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686

Traverse City, MI 49685-0686

-7-14-21-28

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Theodore M. Rondeau and Cynthia A. Strong**, Mortgagors, to **Old Kent Bank**, Mortgagee, dated April 1, 1993, recorded on April 13, 1993 in Liber 357, Page 363, Crawford County Register of Deeds and Prime Access Notice of Increase dated November 7, 1994, recorded November 17, 1994 in Liber 386, Page 366, Crawford County Register of Deeds. By reason of such default the undersigned declared the entire unpaid amount of the debt secured by the mortgage immediately due and payable.

At the date of this notice the amount due for principal and interest and advances on the mortgage is the sum of **Thirty-six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$36,934.59)**, including interest at the rate of 11% per annum. No suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the applicable statutes, and to pay such amount with interest, as provided in the mortgage and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorneys fees allowed by law, the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public sale to the highest bidder at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan on Wednesday, January 17, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. local time. The premises covered by the mortgage are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Lots 5 and 6, Sunset Park, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 74, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 8564 Clough Drive, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Subject to existing highways, easements and rights of way of record. The above described premises contains less than 3 acres.

Pursuant to the Public Acts of 1971, as amended, the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, unless it is determined abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 14, 2000

RHOADES, MCKEE, BOER

GOODRICH & TITTA

Mary L. Williams P40705

Attorney for the Mortgagee

-14-21-28-1

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 99-4917-CH(M)
EVERETT HOGGARD and ARTHELLA HOGGARD, Plaintiffs,
v
PHYLLIS J. SAUTER TRUST, SHAKTI HOTEL-MOTEL, CORP., and PAUL MICHAEL MARKS, Defendants.
BRABANT & MANNIKKO, PLLC
By: **Bruce K. Mannikko P47238**
Attorney for Plaintiffs
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-4365
SHAKTI HOTEL-MOTEL, CORP.
In Pro Per
2723 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
DAVID B. SABIN P19822
Attorney for Defendant Sauter
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588
PAUL MICHAEL MARKS
In Pro Per
993 Northpointe Drive, S.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49509

virtue of a Judgement of Foreclosure in the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan dated the 22nd day of May, 2000, in the matter of **EVERETT HOGGARD and ARTHELLA HOGGARD v PHYLLIS J. SAUTER TRUST, SHAKTI HOTEL-MOTEL, CORP., and PAUL MICHAEL MARKS**, File Number of said cause being 99-4917-CH(M) directing the sale of certain real estate, and pursuant to Act 600.3125 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended by Public Act 1974, Number 297, the County Clerk or a Deputy County Clerk of the County of Crawford shall expose for sale at public sale, to the highest bidder, at the entrance of the Crawford County Building, in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court of Crawford County, on the 27th day of December, 2000 at 2: o'clock p.m., the real estate located in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

The North 50 feet of Lot 1 and Beginning at NW corner of Lot 1: thence W 180 feet; thence S 120 feet; thence E 180 feet; thence N 120 feet to POB, formerly Lots 3, 4, 5 of Hadley's 3rd Addition, Block 2 and also the South 33 feet of vacant Clare Street lying Northerly and adjacent thereto.

Pursuant to said judgment, the real estate above described shall be sold to the highest bidder.

SANDRA MOORE, Crawford County Clerk, Acting under Act 600.3125 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended by Public Act 1974, Number 297.

Dated: October 19, 2000

Dana M. Anderson, Deputy

SANDRA MOORE

Crawford County Clerk

-2-9-16-23-30-7-

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Robert L. Rabison, single man (original mortgagors)** to **Conseco Finance Servicing Corporation f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee**, dated **May 26, 1998** and recorded on **May 8, 2000** in Liber **507**, page **334**, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and re-recorded on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 558, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **THIRTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 83/100 dollars (\$30,913.83)**, including interest at 13.150% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the **front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan** at **10:00 a.m. on January 24, 2001**.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 3 and 4, Block 4, Oak Hill Park, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 14, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1310

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30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

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File #200015399

-14-21-28-4-11

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2000 at 7:00 PM in The Circuit Court room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case#Z190-00

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of December 17-23

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Setting lofty goals ensures that you'll make great achievements. Plan a course of higher education to further a career goal. Focusing your eyes on the prize makes things happen more quickly.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

A vacation could provide an opportunity to develop a new talent. Don't be afraid to ask for input from others if you're not sure what something means. Ambition in the workplace leads to rewards.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

A good friend helps you achieve a goal that seemed impossible before. Thank them in a special way. If you're planning to try something new, make sure you have all the paperwork in order before consulting a professional.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Rehearsing your plans in advance helps you make a strong presentation. You'll reap the rewards later—meanwhile, just bask in the approval. Spending quiet time ensures your batteries will be recharged.

LEO

July 23-August 23

A promising romance could continue to go your way, with the proper care and attention. Don't hesitate, or you could break your momentum. An active weekend provides ample opportunity to socialize.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Early in the week, try to get preparations out of the way for a holiday event. A testy sweetheart may be feeling neglected. Patience and TLC will ease the situation.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Planning for a major purchase could be monopolizing your attention—be sure not to ignore other areas. It's critical to maintain balance throughout your life, especially now.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Changes that have been happening at breakneck speed probably seem normal to you. Spend time with someone dear to you, to revitalize and refresh yourself. A passionate interlude is its own reward.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Asking for guidance from a wise person could be the step that alters your outlook in the long run, so don't be afraid to seek help. Open your mind to new possibilities, and you could experience an epiphany.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Pay close attention to your hunches—they could be valuable sources of information on what to do next. You'll learn more from watching a person do something than you will from their explanations, so pay attention.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

A frazzled feeling may mean that you're experiencing holiday overload. Try to find a quiet corner—then, don't permit anyone or anything to disturb you for a reasonable amount of time.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Taking care to watch your vitamins and get enough sleep will help you stay in the holiday spirit and keep you healthy. Visiting with close friends proves to be more fun & less expensive than elaborate plans.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

APRICOT AND WHITE CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

Serves: 24

1 cup dried apricots
3 fl. oz. water
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
1 1/2 oz. white chocolate
1 ea. large egg
1 ea. large egg white
1/2 cup light brown sugar, packed
1 tbsp. canola oil
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/4 cup sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. lightly oil a baking pan (9"x9") or coat with non stick spray. In a small saucepan, combine half

the apricots and water. Bring to a simmer over medium heat. Cover and cook for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside to cool.

In a medium bowl, whisk flour, b. powder, b. soda and salt. Finely chop two-thirds of the white chocolate and remaining apricots and set aside.

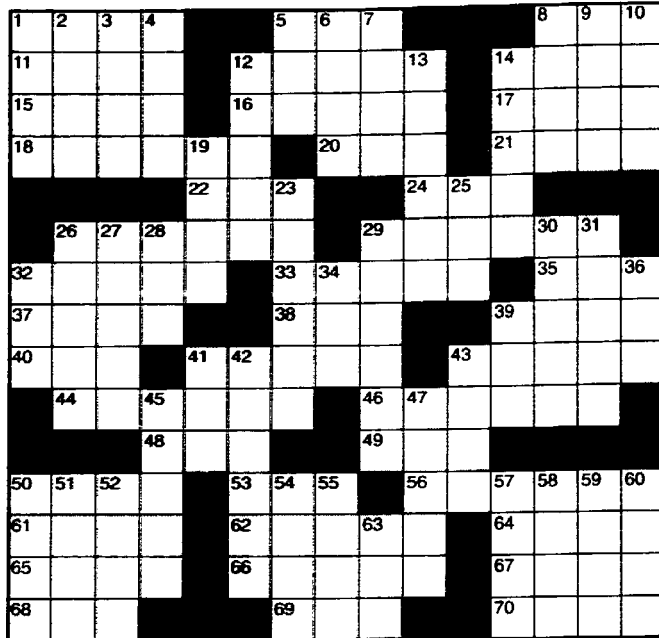
In a food processor, puree reserved cooked apricots with any remaining cooking liquid. Add egg, egg white, brown sugar, oil and vanilla; process until smooth. Add reserved flour mixture with chopped chocolate and apricots. Pulse until just combined. Spread batter into pan in an even layer. Sprinkle with almonds.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until lightly browned and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Transfer pan to a wire rack and cool completely. In a small plastic bag, microwave remaining white chocolate on medium heat until melted, 1 to 3 minutes. Cut off the tip of one corner of the bag and drizzle melted chocolate over cooled brownies. let stand for 10 minutes before cutting.



HOME NEEDED - Ginger is approximately 1 year old. She is a dark ginger tabby female. Anyone who wishes to adopt a new friend from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, may call (517) 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Giant-grappling sport
- Intimate friend
- Luxury _____ (Monopoly space)
- Ring stone
- Shot
- Matching two
- Born of tennis
- Make known
- Heather Locklear's alma mater
- Creeps
- Sign of a hit show
- Blushing becomingly
- Fun and games, for short
- Contend
- Penalize
- European polecat
- Methane and helium
- Reduce in rank
- The Flying _____
- Sign of otalgia
- Kind of luck
- Flynn Boyle of The Practice
- Flight, to Dobbin
- Not competent
- One of Ozzie's sons
- Nonsense
- Bursts
- Pumpkinickel alternative
- Merino male

DOWN

- Weeps
- Current with, as facts (2 wds.)
- Foal's mother
- Character in Kafka's The Castle
- Where auto racers refuel
- "Fine" things
- Lusty look
- Mexican "sandwich"
- Is indisposed
- Radiograph
- Circuit breakers' kin
- Flocks
- More pristine
- Actor Kristofferson
- Like some fast food orders (2 wds.)
- Touch gently
- Originated
- Harry Met Sally...
- Provide gear
- At another time
- Prepares to fire
- In need of housekeeping
- Agave fiber
- Distress message
- Hot tub sounds
- Editor's word
- Hill, North Carolina
- Dander
- Wore a hole in the carpet
- Attendant
- Previously named
- More plump
- Ratify
- Young _____ (zealous go-getters)
- One-liner
- "She _____" (Cyndi Lauper hit)
- Negative vote
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- Poison or grape
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- Type of roast
- Golfers' purchases
- Grating
- "_____ the night before..."
- Jack Nicklaus' home state
- Sterling examples
- Greenish-blue
- President George
- Uses a gavel
- Body of troops
- Reminder
- Tiny insect
- "_____ a Lovely Day Today"

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

December 15, 1977

Through the efforts of Jack Alef, President of the Grayling State Bank, arrangements have been made with Santa Claus to meet with area children this Friday evening, December 16, 1977.

The Grayling Kiwanis Club donated \$3,000 to Mercy Hospital in order to make possible the purchase of a Hydrotherapy Tub for the hospital's Physical Therapy department.

Mercy Hospital received approval from the State Health Director November 25, to go ahead with its \$8,092,000 expansion renovation program; including: 22-bed acute care nursing unit, nursery, emergency room, operating room, and sections for radiology, medical records, and nuclear medicine.

Mac's Drug Store had a camera and photo demonstration, with representatives from Whipple Photo on hand to answer questions.

Jansen's Sales and Service is running a sale on Whirlpool Microwave Ovens, for \$419.

Black and White Foodland is offering cartons of cigarettes for \$3.99, all sizes, all brands; three heads of lettuce for \$1.00.

Mr. and Mrs. David Paquette announce the birth of a daughter born on December 12, 1977, Katie Ruth Paquette.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hartman of Unionville and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hartman and son Paul, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hartman.

The second annual running of the state's longest cross country ski race, the White Pine Stampede will also have a shorter race of 12 miles

this year in Mancelona.

46 Years Ago

December 16, 1954

Mrs. Ann Cariveau was hostess at a birthday party in a Christmas setting last Thursday evening at her home in honor of Mrs. Liland Smock.

Several friends of little Jane Buron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Buron dropped in last Tuesday evening, including Uncle Glen, to help her celebrate her birthday.

The Q.C. Club held their annual Christmas party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Jensen; guests included, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bristol and Rolla Failing.

69 Years Ago

December 17, 1931

One of the largest crowds that has ever attended a school play turned out Wednesday evening to see "A Topsy Turvy Christmas", directed by Miss McCallister, teacher of music; Miss Monroe, dance instructor; Miss Hermann, the speaking parts. The cast included: Forest Brado, Aubrey Brado, Corrine Burns, Howard Smock, Jack McClain, Flora Moffat, Dorothy Atwell, Betty Jean Failing, Phyllis Hilt, Betty Jean Jorgenson, Patricia Roberts, Mary Joseph, Laura Ann Rasmussen, Gwendolyn Wendt, Jean Brady, Bessie Askins, Gloria McNeven, Patricia McKenna, Natalie Peterson, Virginia Peterson, Margery Broadbent, Phyllis Hewitt, Marjorie Niederer, Kathryn Carr, Bobby Welsh, Teddy Nelson, Donald Bobenmeyer, Tommy Ingalls,

Clayton Budd, F. J. McClain, Floyd Millikin, Charles Fletcher, Frances Whipple, Donna Mae Millikin, Frederick Smith, Violet Brown, Dickey Rasmussen, Ruth Lamotte, Roger Brado and Ida Ruth Maxwell.

Mrs. L.D. Herbison was hostess to the members of the Women's club and the annual Christmas meeting, which included a play entitled, "A Christmas Chime". Cast including: Louise McAllister on piano, Mrs. Milnes singing and Drama by Claire Jacques, Evelyn Thieme, Hazel Cassidy and Mrs. J.C. Green. A good time had by all.

92 Years Ago

December 17, 1908

The Dowell Mill is running again with a full complement of men, and all are glad to hear the whistle.

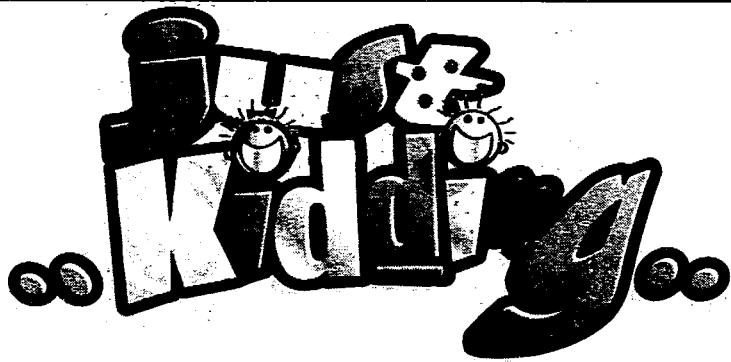
Regular service has been resumed at the Danish Lutheran Church; Rev. Kjolhede, the new pastor arrived last month.

Nine of our merchants met Monday evening and organized what will be known as the Retail Merchants Association of Grayling with Hyman Joseph, president, Fred Narrin, vice president, and S.S. Phelps Jr., secretary.

Married November 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. McNeven, Miss Mary McNeven, and Mr. Frank Smith of this village, with Reverend Fleming officiating.

V. Salling has rented the Opera House in the Odd Fellows building and will open with a moving picture show Saturday evening.

Wednesday morning the wrecking crew arrived, also the bridge crew with another bridge; we expect the trains will be running soon in Lovells.



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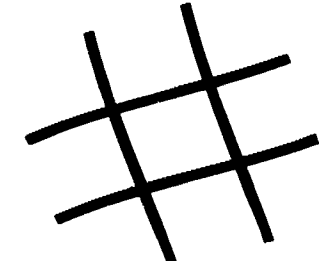
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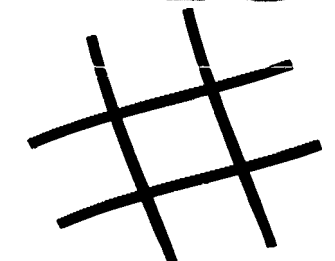
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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



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12/07	14	-4	1
12/08	18	2	.5
12/09	22	12	.75
12/10	24	14	1.5
12/11	28	9	.75
12/12	18	11	4

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)

Wednesday - Chilly, Broken Clouds. High 19, Low 10.
Thursday - Chilly and Cloudy. High 25, Low 14.
Friday - Chilly and Cloudy. High 28, Low 19.
Saturday - Cool. Overcast. Snowshowers. High 31, Low 20.

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Grayling, Michigan

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NICE FOUR BEDROOM Two bath home off Stephan Bridge Rd. Jacuzzi in master bedroom. 2 1/2 acres, owner relocated. \$79,900, reduced \$76,500. Phone or fax Hamrick Real Estate Co., P.C. 517-348-5433; evenings 517-348-8336. (11/30/00t/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER Two bedroom mobile home, great condition, located between Waters and Frederic. \$29,000. Call after 6 p.m. or weekends 517-348-1893. (-30-7-14-21/1)

GRAYLING HOME Three bedroom, two car garage. Newly remodeled, nice neighborhood, large lot. Price reduced to \$72,900. 517-732-6152. (-22-30-7-14/1)

GOLF COURSE BUILDING LOTS for sale. Lifetime golf and ski memberships included. All lots are one to two acres. \$29,000 to \$49,000. Skyline Ski and Country Club. 517-275-5445 (4/20/00t/1)

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2. For Rent

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CHALET ON 10 ACRES Beaver Creek Township, one year lease preferred. \$650 per month plus security deposit and utilities. 517-348-2301 or 517-348-8151. (10/26/00t/2)

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE Five room office suite with restroom. Located on M-72 West. Call 517-348-5474, ask for Randy Thompson. (9/14/00t/2)

OFFICE SPACE Behind Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty. \$550 a month. Call Ron at 517-348-6761, or Laurie at 517-348-6481. (10/12/00t/2)

2. For Rent

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1,500 SQ. FT. of Commercial Store Front with kitchen, bath and basement for rent. 517-348-9636 or 517-348-8322. (-7-14-21/2)

SMALL TWO BEDROOM near Lake Margrethe. \$435 month plus deposit and utilities. Available now. 231-826-4191. (12/7/00t/2)

APARTMENTS FOR RENT Village of Roscommon (duplex) (2) two bedroom with one car garages at \$550 month; (Tri-plex) (2) two bedroom at \$475 per month, (1) one bedroom at \$375 per month plus security deposit. Does not include utilities. Includes snow removal and mowing. All five units are available December 1st. Call M-F 9-5, 517-275-5112 (ask for Greg). (-30-7-14-21-28-4/2)

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TWO BEDROOM Breezeway, large attached garage. Six miles south of Grayling on Old 27. Non smoking, no pets. \$475 month. 517-275-8359. (-14-21/2)

2. For Rent

ONE BEDROOM CABINS Kitchen and living room combination with utilities. \$300 and up. Call evenings. 517-826-1206; 517-619-2229. (-7-14-21-28/2)

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2. For Rent

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1. Real Estate

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2. For Rent

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INCOME POTENTIAL. Great Location on major highway close to town. Previous home business plus 4 unit motel could be restored to earning potential. Many income possibilities. MLS# 3902 \$69,000



NEAT & CLEAN HOME ON 15 ACRES- this 2 bedroom home has been very well cared for and it shows. Located in a great area for hunting and fishing located only 1.5 miles from the AuSable River. 24 X 24 garage! MLS# 3790 \$75,000



AFFORDABLE MOBILE HOME- Here is the perfect vacation get-away situated on one acre. New furnace and well maintained with a 8 X 12 deck. MLS# 3520 \$22,000



THREE BEDROOM HOME- located in the heart of snowmobile country. Home offers 1453 sq. ft. drive under garage, partial basement, and priced to sell. MLS# 4422 \$49,900



LITTLE CABINS IN THE PINES great little cabins offers small 1 B/R cabin, bunkhouse, and cooking pavilion. Also includes AuSable Woods association amenities including clubhouse with pool, river access, picnic area and road maintenance. MLS# 3147 \$21,000



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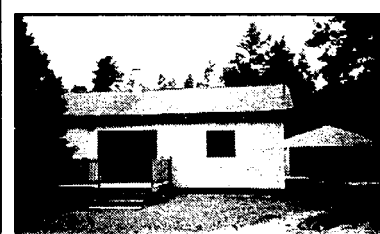
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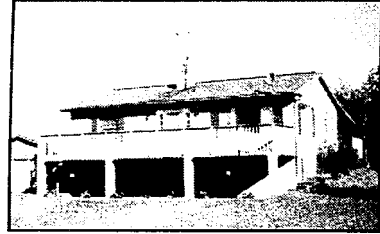
CHARMING LOG HOME 1 block to Lake Margrethe public access. 2 bedroom, 1 bath is very cozy and shows nice. Full log home with enclosed front porch. 2 lots. Well new in 1996. Septic cleaned in 1996. CS-1253 \$41,000



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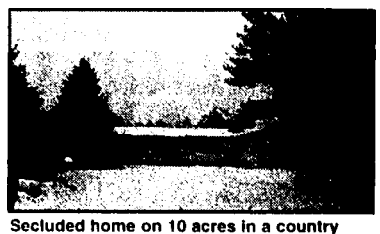
COUNTRY SETTING. Sunroom finished in Cedar, skylight and doorwall onto rear 13 x 19 deck. Finished walkout basement with family room, office, bedrooms. Beautiful 2.5 acres with large front / rear yard. Heated garage. Priced Right! Immediate Occupancy. Hot tub is negotiable. \$99,900 CH-1240



222' FEET ON THE AUSABLE RIVER. This ranch home is on a private street with a very serene setting. Some of the amenities include two fireplaces, four bedrooms, one and one half baths and a beautiful views from most of the rooms. Family room with doorwall onto patio. Blacktop circle drive amongst mature hardwoods. 1/3 ownership in lots 8, 9 & 10 across river to insure privacy. \$189,900 CH-1203



BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME CLOSE TO LAKE MARGRETHE. Snowmobile trails and state land across the road. 1.472 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, recessed lighting, vaulted ceiling, six panel pine doors, central vacuum, water softener and Anderson windows. Exterior features include: beautiful landscaped yard, blacktop drive, hot tub, extensive decking, 6 corded sprinkling system, 32x40 garage with two eight foot overhead doors. Swimming pool, freezer, washer and dryer are negotiable. \$167,500 CH-1187



Secluded home on 10 acres in a country setting adjoining State Land and close to AuSable River. 1,800 s.f., 4 B/R home, fireplace with Pellet stove insert, attached 2 car garage. Updated kitchen cabinets, flooring and bathroom. \$61,900 CH-1257



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3. Employment

GROWING BUSINESS NEEDS
HELP Work from home. Mail order/E-Commerce \$522 plus week PT. \$1,000-\$4,000 week FT. www.dare2thrive.com 262-808-7793. (-14-21-28/3)

WANTED Experienced truck driver for short doubles self-loader log truck. Must be self motivated. Willing to train the right person. Benefits include health insurance, employer matching 401 (k) and IRC 125 plan. Resume or letter detailing work history may be faxed to 517-356-3628, or call Chris at Michigan Wood Carriers at 517-356-3448. EOE (-14-21-28-4/3)

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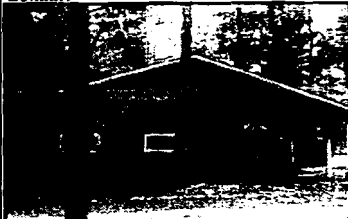
STATE LAND IS A STONE'S THROW AWAY! Manistee River and Snowmobile Trails close by. The interior of this home has been updated with drywall throughout the majority of the home. 12 x 12 Storage/basement, 16 X 10 out-building with electric and wood floor plus a shed and front deck. #4713 \$28,000. Ask for Connie Winans!



Gorgeous home with many special features, such as hardwood floors, skylights and california-closets. Living room features a large central fireplace and french doors leading outside. Home is situated on 11 densely-wooded acres, with a path leading to very private Manistee River frontage. The "up-north" home you've dreamed of! #4582 Reduced \$239,000. Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Home includes, gas fireplace, washer & dryer, 2 stoves, 2 refrigerators, dishwasher, all drywall interior with oak trim, cabinets & doors (incl. basement); extensive decking, hot tub built into deck. Property features include: 34x50 garage with pass thru doors, sket tower, landscaping, tounans, 2 rock firepits with built in benches, security lighting length of driveway, wooded perimeter, bordering state land with trails stretching for miles. Extras include: additional single garage, storage shed, 725 sq. ft., 2 bedroom cabin "next door" include stove & refrigerator. So much for so little! #4666 \$249,000. Ask for Chelle Warners!



Secluded family getaway with 4.75 acres on a county maintained road. Property includes a two car garage and a lean-to with beautiful Majestic Pines filling the property. #4689 \$49,900. Ask for Scott Hanson!



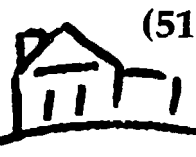
Nice 3 bedroom home with full basement, 3 bedroom, 1 bath older newer home located in Grayling Township. Home is located on a paved county maintained road and offers a full basement. This maintenance free home is perfect as a full time home or for a recreational getaway. #4652 \$62,000. Ask for Randall Hartley!

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3. Employment

PHLEBOTOMISTS (Certified or Non-certified). Previous experience in Phlebotomy preferred. If qualified and interested, please send resumes to Janet Norton, Human Resources Manager, West Branch Regional Medical Center, Department 2, 2463 S. M-30, West Branch, MI 48661. (-7-14/3)

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CHRISTMAS TREES at Kings Orchard starting November 18. Douglas and Concolor Fir, Blue Spruce, Balsam, Black Hills/White Spruce, wreaths and grave blankets. Off M-55 on Town Hill Road, across from the post office, open daily 9 to 5. 517-422-6012. (-16-22-30-7-14/5)

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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DRIVER'S TRAINING and Road Testing is offered by the Grayling Driver's Training School. Register now for the January 8, 2001 class. Contact Howard Lehti 517-348-8838. (LR12/21/00/8)

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THE 6TH ANNUAL Lone Pine Arts and Crafts Show. Located at the Lone Pine Restaurant in Grayling. December 14 and 15 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. December 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (-7-14/8)

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11. Automotive

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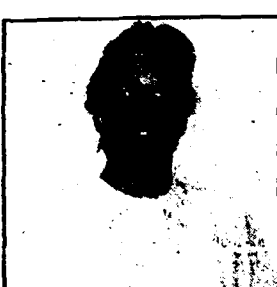
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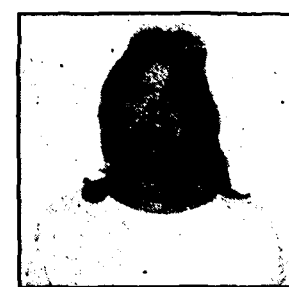
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Senate passes bill allowing teens to work longer hours

Youth between the ages of 16 and 17 would have the opportunity to work up to 62 hours, with parental permission, in any week when school is not in session under a bill passed by the Michigan Senate today.

Introduced by Senator George A. McManus, Jr. (R-Traverse City), Senate Bill 795 amends current law which restricts older teens to only six weeks a year at 62 hours a week.

This limits teens' ability to make "summer" money according to McManus, and burdens employers who have difficulty finding seasonal help according to the Michigan Restaurant Association and the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"Restaurants and retailers are often looking for teenagers to work in jobs that adults don't want," said Bill Zaagman, director of government affairs for the Michigan

Restaurant Association. "Teenagers want the work and there is a need for their labor in our industry."

The bill does not change regulations governing employment of 14 and 15-year old youth. It also maintains the requirement that a 16-17-year old in school may not work for a combined school and work week of more than 48 hours during the period school is in session.

11. Automotive

Special Holiday Savings



CARS

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1998 Ford Taurus SE - 24 valve V6, loaded! Very nice car! Stock #4298-1 Was \$11,988 Now \$11,688

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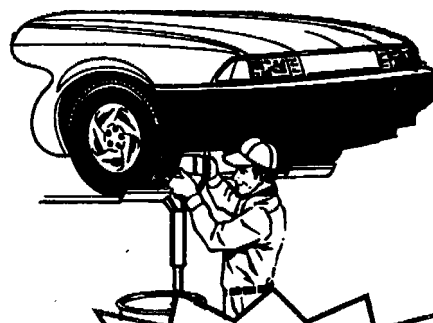


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